



TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

Parks and Community Programs Committee

Senior Advisory Committee

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Meeting Notes- Friday, October 26, 2012

Chair's Report

Councilwoman McDonnell reported that the Town's budget process is underway, and budget hearings will continue until the final budget is adopted on November 15. She also thanked all those who helped with the White Elephant Sale, which was a huge success.

The subcommittees reported on their progress as follows:

Transportation –A discussion about shopping was held; the committee decided that the transportation policy should be amended to say that bus riders must only purchase what one person can carry. There have been times when the bus driver has had to leave the bus to unload multiple bags of groceries for passengers and this has become a problem. A rider should be able to carry their own purchases, or if they need assistance; the bus driver can make one trip to help them.

Fundraising- The group reported on the success of the White Elephant Sale, which was held at the Community Center on Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14. The sale generated monies which will be held in a separate account to be used for priorities recommended by the Senior Advisory Committee. The upcoming election-day bake sale at Town Hall was discussed and bakers and workers volunteered to help.

Communications and Outreach/Community Resources – The benchmarking process continues and the group is almost ready to survey the Niskayuna program in order to finalize the report. The group also continues to recommend a membership for the Senior Center in order to enhance the sense of belonging and to improve communications and outreach for new memberships.

A program to help shut-in's was discussed, and ideas were shared for follow up in the future.

Trips, Programs, and Facilities: See staff report.

Staff Report:

Rosemarie Mullaney and Cindy Desso reported the following:

- An AARP defensive driving class was held on 10/15 and was fully attended, and the trip to Mohonk Mountain was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. Patrick Clear should also be thanked for the free tour of his Alpaca Farm.
- A question was raised about the kitchen and the last time that the stove unit and vents were cleaned.
- Attendance at the center and for trips continues to rise. The November calendar was discussed and trip and program ideas were shared.

The next Senior Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Friday, November 30 at 10 am at Niskayuna Town Hall.