



Town of Burlington

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Wednesday, November 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order after at 4:30.

In attendance: Al McGunnigle, Art Murelli, Jim Millerick, Lori Valley, Maryelen Wielock, Robyn Reily, Laura Chandler and Tricia Twomey.

The minutes were read and approved with one correction. It was stated that numbers had been given to the Selectmen but it should be the Board of Finance.

Public Comment: none

Financial Report: Tricia reported that the budget is in good shape at 29%. Budgets for 2017 are due November 30.

Tax Abatement Discussion: Beth has run the numbers and will present them tonight to the Board of Finance.

Fall Programs: The clinics were well attended. Tricia was glad there were two this year.

The grant for Tai-Chi has been reinstated. Attendance remains steady.

The Chat and Craft group is in need of a leader who can take over temporarily or maybe permanently if needed.

The Veteran's Day program was a success. Art was very impressed with the number of vets who showed up.

There have been requests for a foot clinic.

The pantry had been running very low on food but shelves are well stocked again because of the Boy Scout food drive.



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New Business: Ron Roberts, Emergency Management Director joined the meeting. He explained Everbridge to us and said our seniors usually shelter in place in a storm.

Registration for Everbridge is on-line but once in the system call backs can be on land lines or cell phones. It was decided that we would offer times to help residents get set up.

Art asked if wellness checks can be done. Ron stated that there is just not enough personnel to make that possible except at the senior housing complex. He urged all of us to look at the Burlington Emergency Management page on Facebook.

Tricia said seniors need to also take some responsibility for their own safety and well-being. A suggestion was to contact a neighbor or friend in close proximity to home..

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45. The next meeting will be January 18.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler.