

Minutes

Richmond Elder Affairs Commission

January 3, 2017– Council Chambers, Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson, Iva Lipton.

Present at the meeting were:

Iva Lipton, Chairperson
Melania van der Hooft,
Lorraine Sidelinger

The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

The members reviewed the minutes of December 6, 2016. Melania van der Hooft moved, seconded by Lorraine Sidelinger to approve the minutes.

Iva Lipton reported that she thought Ron Newman will be the liaison to the Elder Affairs Commission. She will learn more at the Town Council meeting this evening.

Iva Lipton reported that during the month of December, there was a problem with one driver unable to pick up and deliver meals. Iva will check with the Town Manager to see how the problem was resolved.

Iva Lipton reported that the bill received from the Chariho Culinary Arts Program for the October 6, 2016 Meet the Candidates program has been paid.

Iva Lipton reported that she received a notice from the Town Finance Director requesting our 2017 budget. Iva submitted a budget request of \$1800.00 (see attached). This was the same request we made in 2016.

Iva Lipton reported that there was no work on the Memorial Garden. There are plans to plant a Christmas tree.

There was no report on Affordable Housing since Jennifer Lee was absent today.

Iva Lipton reported that the only correspondence was the request from the Finance Director.

All board members agreed that the December presentation by Saul Richman from Tri-County Community Action on Medicare and Medicaid programs was very informative.

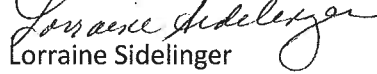
A discussion then followed on the proposed February presentation by Elizabeth Fournier on "Property Tax Exemption". She will explain the changes in eligibility and give instructions on how to apply before the April deadline. The presentation will take place on February 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

It was brought up in the public forum a question regarding whether income is the only requisite for the exemption. That will be brought up at the presentation.

Iva Lipton showed the board the Citation of Recognition she received from the Town at the Volunteer Appreciation party.

Melania van der Hooft moved, seconded by Lorraine Sidelinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lorraine Sidelinger

Secretary