

Special Meeting of the Voluntown Elderly Commission
February 17, 2022 4:00PM
Town Hall Meeting Room

The Special Meeting of the Voluntown Elderly Commission was called to order at 4:00PM by Tracey Hanson.

Approval of Minutes: A **motion was made** (V.Roode, A. Manfredi) to approve the minutes of the October meeting. All approved.

New Business

Election of Chairperson: The Chairperson position is vacant with the passing of Ron Tougas. Will move election to the next meeting.

Meeting Change: Meetings will be moved to the third Monday of the month at 7:00PM to be more accommodating to recruit new members.

Senior Van Dedication: Tracey would like to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the senior van be dedicated to Ronald Tougas. Would the Elderly Commission be in favor of this? A **motion was made** (L. Magario, V.Roode) to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Voluntown Senior Van be dedicated to Ronald Tougas, the first Elderly Commission Chairperson. All approved.

Van Update: We have applications for drivers. Tracey will check with other towns that have a senior van for scheduling ideas.

Senior Transportaion: There is a need for transportation services now. Tracey looked into Curtin Livery and Easter CT Transportation. Might be a possible way for residents to buy a voucher book for \$50, town pays ½. The cost is \$140 per doctor office trip, town would pay difference. We have \$4,000 in the budget to help pay for transportation. A **motion was made** (K. Stephanick, V.Roode) to use the \$4,000 to provide rides temporarily. All approved.

Senior Needs Assessment: We need to find a way to notify seniors in need of services available. Ideas; put notice in tax bills, use Friends of the Library newsletter.

22/23 Budget: We need to start planning the Elderly Commission budget for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Proposed budget will include cost of running senior van (DOT has a matching grant), \$4,000 donation to the Senior Group. Will work on the budget at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

Secretary, Lorraine Magario

Typed by Tracey Hanson

