

Voluntown Elderly Commission

April 17, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Meeting Room

The meeting opened at 7:02 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Roger Morency, Tony Manfreddi, Lorraine Magario, Vivian Roode, Diana Ingraham, Mary Sullivan

Guests: Tracey Hanson, First Selectwoman

Citizens Comments: None

The minutes of March 20, 2023 were approved as presented.

Agent for the Elderly: Joan Barrus was unable to attend but Ms. Hanson said that approximately twenty seniors from Voluntown have become members of Griswold Senior Center. Tina Falck, Director of the center asked if it was possible for Voluntown to contribute toward expenses. Ms. Hanson said a grant of \$8,650 could be available.

Gate Street Project: Mary Sullivan shared that progress is being made. She shared copies of an updated map with suggestions included from the public meeting in March. Members reviewed the map and discussion followed.

New Business: None

Old Business: Senior Survey – Diana shared nine pages of survey results as well as a summary and a proposal for a gathering place at Riverside Mall; maybe a Senior Center? Much discussion followed. We need to ask the Board of Selectmen for approval. A motion was made (Magario, Roode) that a request be made by the Board of Selectmen to investigate the proposal. All in favor.

It was decided that as many of us as could attend the Board of Selectmen meeting, April 25, 2023, at 6:00. We will be put on the agenda.

It was noted that, by our by-laws, at least two members need to be reappointed or replaced in June.

Next meeting is May15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22.

Lorraine Magario, Secretary