

HELP @ HOME Minutes

January 12, 2024

Senior Center

Present: Susan Marsh, Colleen Clifford, and Marcia Sherbourne.

Absent: Marty Holman and Joe Sullivan.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 by Susan Marsh.

Minutes from meeting of October 27, 2023, were read and accepted.

Acknowledgment of donations. Colleen and Marcia have been helping Karen Phillips, director of the Senior Center, process the H@H donations. They open the donor envelopes, remove the donations, and send thank-you notes to the donors. Karen takes the donations to the Town Treasurer.

H@H emergency resource booklet. Susie brought a draft version of a flyer that she created to replace the booklet. It was reviewed and feedback was provided.

Bags of household and personal items. Joe attended a Vets meeting but there was not much response to the idea of receiving the bags. Wheels on Meals cannot deliver the bags on our behalf. Discussion topics included: What is the long-term plan for this program? How will the bags be distributed? Hold off on purchase of supplies until further info?

Churches. Contact pastors to find out what charity groups are active in each church, and who to contact to see if there is interest in a joint effort with H@H.

Finances. Colleen Clifford agreed to be interim treasurer for H@H.

—Should we have a representative go to HCOA meeting, since they approve H@H applicants? They meet the first Wednesday of each month from 8:00 to 9:00am. What are their criteria for approving a grant?

—Look into contacting businesses to donate money to Help @ Home.

Web Page/ Facebook. Revisit updating the H@H webpage on the Town website, and explore posts promoting H@H on Town Facebook page.

Meeting time. We agreed to change our meeting time to Tuesdays at 4:00 so that Assistant Town Manager Steph King can be a liason to H@H meetings. Next meeting is Feb. 6 (Tuesday) at 4:00 pm at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Marcia Sherbourne