

Newsletter Committee Minutes Meeting of December 18, 2024

PRESENT: Louise Beckett, Véronique Blanchard, Julia Carroll,
Patricia Lynch, Aimee Anderson (guest)

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of November 19
APPROVED

Agenda Item 2: Review of Submissions for the January Issue

- Our logs were in agreement.
- Discussion of submissions:
 - 📌 Using both the Home Modification Loan Program and Home Rehabilitation Loan Program submissions: We'll use both depending on available space.
 - 📌 Shut-ins item: Although there were no responses from the December issue, we will rerun it with the addition of a statement to the effect that persons' privacy will be respected and their names will not be used if they don't wish them to be.
 - 📌 Obituaries: We will include obituaries but limit them to 350 words maximum.
 - 📌 Grant announcement: Pat pointed out that this would be of use only to such groups as the COA and Age-Friendly Conway Committee, which would have received the notice themselves. We will not include it.
 - 📌 Mike Haley's "Food for Thought" photos: Veronique said that Mike has been concerned with overhead wires for quite a while, but he should approach the selectboard with his concerns. Putting wires underground would cost millions. The Streetscape Project considered the issue and said it was unfeasible to do anything about it.

New Business

We spoke with Aimee Anderson about joining the committee. Aimee asked good questions: "What do you want from a person?" "What is the process of producing the newsletter?" Julia explained that we are always looking for contributing writers, Véronique that she'd like to see someone with a fresh outlook. Pat mentioned Carol's former column interviewing artists and craftspeople. Aimee's interests are books (she'd written a book review for *The Visitor*) and the arts (she helped with the FOH art show), so she may

concentrate on those subjects. When she heard how much work Louise does to produce the newsletter, she offered to help with folding and stapling. We offered her the position, and she accepted. This will be formalized at the January meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 4:00 p.m., on Zoom.