

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE KILLINGWORTH COMMITTEE ON AGING
(WORKING GROUP ON IDENTIFYING NEEDS OF KILLINGWORTH SENIORS)

Thursday, July 20, 2023 5:00 p.m.

The Killingworth Library

Members in Attendance: Joyce Mason and Mary Solera

Visitors: Sandy Allard

Called to Order: The meeting was Called to Order at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Ways and Means of Connecting with Killingworth Seniors Concerning Needs:

The Working Group reviewed the charges put forth by the Selectmen: "...study the needs among Senior Residents and Community as such needs are related to housing, economic employment, health, and recreational matters." The group had a vibrant discussion of how best to connect with Killingworth Seniors to find out what are their concerns and needs.

First, we created a list of ways to reach out to Senior residents. Among them was the development of a Senior Survey that would encompass the charges. Second, we brainstormed ways and means to distribute such Survey, and how best to retrieve the data generated. The ideas follow:

1. Publication/Advertisement through Shoreline Publishing outlets
2. Church Bulletins (St. Lawrence, Killingworth Congregational Church, Emanuel Church)
3. Beechwood Bulletin mlpirani1@yahoo.com
4. Estuary Newsletter
5. Valley Shore Community Television – creation of a video explaining needs Survey
6. Face-to-face meetings at Churches, Lions Club meetings, Nutmeg Button Club meetings and the Wednesday Senior lunches at the Killingworth Congregational Church
7. Provide Surveys at pick-up and later drop-off sites such as Helping Hands, Killingworth Library, Town Hall, Post Office, Killingworth Family Pharmacy, Killingworth Veterans' Representative

8. Senior Day at the Library for pick-up, fill-out, deposit surveys
9. Mail Surveys to targeted addresses provided through Voter Registration records and Mercedes Raucci.
10. Explore the possibility of having a table at KES during the election cycle to distribute, explain, pick-up Senior Surveys (School Library??)
11. Explore private email to send Surveys and return information, collect data.
12. Update the Senior Bulletin Board at the Library to promote a needs Survey and create a Senior Suggestion Box.

A Survey concerning the needs of Killingworth Seniors was developed by Joyce Mason, Mary Solera, and Sandy Allard and will be forthcoming.

Adjournment: Joyce Mason adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Submitted By: Joyce Mason