

Town of Saugerties Senior Education Commission
Monday, December 13, 2021
Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 am by Susan Davis, teleconferenced on Zoom. Laura Phillips agreed to serve as scribe for the meeting.

Present: Susan Davis, Fran Jacobson, Laura Phillips and town liaison Leeanne Thornton.

Absent: Susan Poretz, Colleen Greco

Chairperson Davis stated that notice of the meeting had been duly published in three locations and that she had received no agenda items or requests to attend from the public. She noted that the SEC bylaws require a quorum of three to transact business and the quorum has been met.

Laura suggested that the ending date of the terms for each member be added by the members' names on the SEC guidelines document. Discussion followed about how to determine when members have reached their 2 term limit as outlined in Local Law #1. Leanne suggested it would be appropriate to disregard partial term appointments made when the law was enacted, and count only the full four-year term appointments made by the Town Board since then.

Laura Phillips made a motion, seconded by Fran Jacobson, to renew the Senior Education Guidelines after revising the previous guidelines of December 14, 2020, to reflect the correct dates, and to add the current term ending dates by the names of the SEC members. The full text of the revised guidelines is appended. Motion passed unanimously.

Susan Poretz and Susan Davis have submitted their names to the Saugerties Town Board requesting they be reappointed to four-year terms beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2025. It is anticipated that the Saugerties Town Board will act on appointments during their first meeting in January 2022. After the Town Board Meeting the SEC members will communicate by email or Zoom and appoint a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2022.

The Lifespring Board will be appointing a committee in 2022 to review their bylaws, as mandated by the three-year review requirement in the Lifespring by-laws. In turn, the SEC will review any proposed changes as submitted by the Lifespring Board and would accept or decline any changes as part of reviewing the minutes of Lifespring meetings.

Susan Davis noted to Leeanne that currently Lifespring classes are being held on Zoom and that no decision has been made yet about fall classes. She asked Leanne if the

Saugerties Town Board had any information to share. Leeanne said that the town is following NY State guidelines and requiring masks for all. They are continuing to meet in person and on-line simultaneously.

Fran asked about how term limits are determined for the Lifespring Board and officers. Laura answered that their terms had been determined in the same way as the SEC term limits discussed earlier. After the 2017 bylaw changes, only elections to full 2-year terms have been counted toward the term limit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

Laura Phillips, note taker pro tem

REVISED SENIOR EDUCATION COMMISSION GUIDELINES – December 13, 2021

In order to insure the continued success and high level of achievement that Lifespring has attained, the Senior Education Commission of the Town of Saugerties assigns the responsibility for the smooth and continuing operation of Lifespring to the members of the LS Board of Directors from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. This will include the electing of officers, members-at-large, and appointing Committee Coordinators (full and ad hoc) as outlined in the LS By-Laws amended and approved on May 29, 2019. The Lifespring Board will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of Lifespring.

Policies and procedures as established by the Lifespring Board shall remain in effect.

The Lifespring Board of Directors will keep the Senior Education Commission informed of the status and operation of Lifespring by providing the Commission and the Town Board Liaison with copies of the minutes of all official Board meetings, LS catalogs, newsletters, etc. In addition, the Senior Education Commission reserves the right to review and approve any proposed By-Law changes, to approve any increase in membership fees, and to act as the interface between LS and the Liaison from the Saugerties Town Board, and/or the Town Supervisor and Town Board. Any requests by LS for new and/or additional Town Services will be reviewed by either the Commission or Senior Education Commission chairperson. The Commission reserves the right to remove any LS officer for cause. Vacancies on the LS Board will be filled according to the process outlined in their By-Laws.

This revised agreement will be in effect January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

Approved by the members of the Senior Education Commission December 13, 2021

Susan Davis, Chair (term ending 12/31/2021)
Susan Puretz (term ending 12/31/2021)
Laura Phillips (term ending 12/31/2022)
Fran Jacobson (term ending 12/31/2023)
Colleen Greco (term ending 12/31/2024)