

Town of Saugerties Senior Education Commission
Wednesday, December 14, 2022
Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 am by Laura Phillips as vice-chairperson, since the chair person was not able to attend at the town hall. Fran Jacobson agreed to serve as scribe for the meeting.

Present in person were Laura Phillips, Susan Puretz, Fran Jacobson, and town liaison Leeanne Thornton. Present via Zoom were Susan Davis and Colleen Greco.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and update the SEC guidelines as necessary and attend to any other business that is necessary.

Laura 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.

Leeanne Thornton clarified that we are required to abide by state guidelines first, then any town rulings for meetings to be held in person and/or teleconferencing.

The Saugerties Town Board can meet in person and on-line simultaneously. The requirement for a quorum to attend in person was met today. SEC members were also able to attend the meeting either via teleconference on Zoom.

Susan Puretz made a motion to accept the REVISED SENIOR EDUCATION COMMISSION GUIDELINES of 12/14/2022, seconded by Colleen Greco, to reflect the correct dates, and to add the current term ending dates for the SEC members. The full text of the revised guidelines is appended. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura Phillips has submitted her name to Fred Costello, Saugerties Town Supervisor, requesting to be reappointed to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2026. It is anticipated that the Saugerties Town Board will act on appointments during their reorganization meeting in January 2023. After the Town Board Meeting the SEC members will communicate by email or Zoom and appoint a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2023.

The Lifespring Board appointed a committee in 2022 to review their bylaws, as mandated by the three-year review requirement in the Lifespring by-laws. The SEC reviewed and accepted the proposed changes as submitted by the Lifespring Board as part of reviewing the minutes of Lifespring meetings. The Lifespring members approved and accepted the bylaws changes at their annual meeting.

The SEC has reviewed and accepted the prior month's Lifespring Board of Directors meeting minutes each month through November 8, 2022. The minutes were then submitted to Saugerties Town Clerk Lisa Stanley, SEC Liaison Leeanne Thornton, and Town Supervisor Fred Costello. These documents are officially filed in Town Hall and are accessible under the Freedom of Information Law.

Laura Phillips noted to Leeanne that currently Lifespring offerings were held on Zoom, In person at the WJC, or outside. Lifespring cannot currently mix technologies (in person and on-line) when presenting our classes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.

Fran Jacobson, note taker pro tem

REVISED SENIOR EDUCATION COMMISSION GUIDELINES – December 14, 2022

In order to ensure 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, 2023, through December 31, 2023. 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 17, 2022. 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, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

Approved by the members of the Senior Education Commission December 14, 2022

Susan Davis, Chair (term ending 12/31/2025)
Susan Puretz (term ending 12/31/2025)
Laura Phillips (term ending 12/31/2022)
Fran Jacobson (term ending 12/31/2023)
Colleen Greco (term ending 12/31/2024)