

**Senior Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 19, 2007**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Hopewell Valley Branch of Mercer County Library**

Attending: Lawrence Mansier, Bill Farmer, Jean Harrington, Bob Riley, Virginia Silliphant, Severino DiCocco, Nils Stout  
Excused: Jane Petrie, Anne Bolick  
Abigail Waugh– Senior Coordinator  
Vanessa Sandom – Hopewell Township Mayor, Paul Pogorzelski – Hopewell Township Administrator

The Meeting was brought to order at 2: 08 by Chairman Mansier. Notice was made of meeting the Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved after the deletion of the first sentence of the "Public Comments" section of the proposed minutes.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Mansier suggested that future meetings of this SAB be held at the "Valley" Senior Center in Pennington (which was accepted without comment), starting in January (16th) when we will do our usual reorganization.

**Coordinator Report**

Coordinator Waugh presented her litany of activities and programs.  
New activities or others of note are as follows:

The Motor Vehicle Department in Hopewell turned out about twenty seniors who took advantage of their visit to renew, reregister, whatever. It is perceived that the Department was expecting about 40. A repeat next year will depend on perceived interest at that time.

There have been problems with the HVAC equipment at the Senior Center to the extent that several December programs have been rescheduled for January. The repairman has promised to investigate on December 20 for the purpose of recommending an intermediate term fix. The municipalities are counting on using this building for 4 or 5 years until such time as it is replaced.

Standing Strong Princeton Healthcare Physical therapist had excellent turnout.

Weekly Mahjongg will also be moving to the senior center starting in January.

AARP Driver Safety Classes will start at the end of January; Registration is required through YMCA

Transportation - Registration for Hopewell Valley Rides is started in late December, rides themselves will begin in January. Abigail will contact all groups that embody potential beneficiaries.

Intern – We will have the benefit of an MCCC intern during January (Deron Williams). He will be assisting with outreach for the new transportation system as well as other tasks.

**Guest – George Ackerman – YMCA**

Mr. Ackerman presented a somewhat detailed overview of the proposed "Campus" on the proposed property in Pennington.

Such campus will consist of the "Y", the Senior Center, perhaps a separate teen facility, perhaps some COAH dedicated housing and perhaps some commercial development. Although there are many issues to be settled, the CHS agreement has been drafted to allow several iterations of planning and negotiating, to the extent that up to 46 months may be used before there is an obligation to purchase the subject land.

Although they agreed that many aspects must be considered and solved, Mayor Sandom and Mr. Pogorzelski seemed pleased to state that they no longer felt constrained in their participation regarding such as the dealings with CHS vis-à-vis the Township have been completed.

**Non-Profit Senior Organization**

Chairman Mansier reported that the Hopewell Valley Senior Foundation has become an existing entity, the by-laws having been registered with the State. Although the HVSF will be a completely separate entity from this SAB, the chairman took a straw poll of those who might want to serve on the foundation, with a great degree of success. The foundation must apply for its Federal approval and fill its board to become a fully functioning operation. The SAB chairman also publicly thanked the law firm of Cassavell & Butrym for its diligent and expedient performance in the accomplishment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bob Riley: Secretary

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 2:00 at the nput Senior Center.