

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Present: Kathi Liberman; Kathy Bagley, Tony Martino, Christine Taylor, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Henry Hornat, Lisa Galipo

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

A motion was made by Chris Taylor and seconded by Henry Hornat to approve the minutes from the February meeting as written. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business

Financial Update: Lisa Galipo reported we have a balance of \$600 in our account after paying for the last Rare Reminder ad including Senior Center program information. The group discussed using the remaining funds. It was decided that \$125 will be used to pay for the InfoShred truck on the day of the SCAC event. The Senior Center will also contribute \$125 as will the Town Clerk's office. Lisa also noted that food costs for the event may be lower than expected because Atria at Greenridge Place has offered to provide some food. It was noted that the Committee generally contributes \$100 for the annual Volunteer Recognition event. Kathy Bagley suggested that any additional funds be used for a particular need of the Senior Center so that all funds are used before the end of the fiscal year.

Committee Membership: It was noted that the Committee still needs to decide how to handle the "Senior Club" member slot since the Club no longer exists.

New Business

Spring Event: It was noted that all the speakers for the upcoming event have been finalized. Joe reported that he sent the flyer regarding the event to the Wethersfield Life paper but has received no response at this time.

Committee Reports:

Council Liaison: Tony Martino reported:

- Town Departments are currently finishing up their budgets. The Town Manager will bring them to the Council at the upcoming meeting. On 4/23 the Council will be meeting with Departments. The Board of Education will also be coming to the Monday Council meeting.
- The Council has received a diesel bid for the Town that will result in a \$75,000 savings. An insurance bid is also down 2% this year.

Housing Authority: Kathi Liberman reported that:

- Renovations continue at Westfield Heights and interior remodeling will begin on Lancaster Road in the spring.

Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent: Chris Taylor reported

- The State's budget woes have resulted in threats to funding for programs and services for

those with mental illness and developmental delays.

- NCAAA is asking for support for a legislative effort to increase Title IIIB funding by 6% to 2010 levels. This funding affects programs for seniors including funding for meals.
- The UM Army will be returning to town this summer. They will perform small home repairs and upkeep for residents of all ages from July 11-15. They can accommodate approximately 40 homes. Referrals should be made to Chris who will assist applicants with the on-line applications process.
- The CRT Energy Assistance Program ends May 1. The Department still has some Operation Fuel funds.
- The Rent Rebate program is open 4/1-10/1/16.

People with Disabilities: Chris Taylor reported:

- The recent transportation meeting was well attended. Curtin and the ADA Paratransit were represented. There were very few complaints about transportation in fact residents commented that Curtin drivers are well liked.

Senior Center: Lisa Galipo reported:

- Handed out the April newsletters and reviewed new programs. Tony Martino suggested a program featuring Mark Granato who lives in town and does a presentation regarding the Hartford Hospital fire.

The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2016 at 3:00 pm and will be followed immediately by a meeting of the Planning Committee for the annual Education Seminar.

A motion to adjourn was made by Claire Mehan and seconded by Chris Taylor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Galipo