

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 20, 2007

Present: Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Christine Taylor, Kathy Bagley, Kathi Liberman, Gerry Seklecki, Jane- Helen Ross, Seth English, Estelle Knurek, Caroline Tedone, Grace Piencikowski.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chair Kathi Liberman.

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

The [minutes from the May meeting](#) were accepted as printed.

Old Business:

Emergency Preparedness was decided to be the most important educational program for FY 2008. It was agreed that there is enough information available through existing programs and written information, that what we need to decide is how we want to disseminate this information. Ideas were shared regarding getting gift donations of backpacks or the like along with the various "survival" supplies needed.

The Committee members will gather program/literature information to bring to the next meeting for continued discussion.

As a reminder, representatives from the Corp. for Independent Living and Independence Unlimited will attend our October 18 meeting. Sylvia Orcutt, People's Bank Community Services Rep. will attend our November 15 meeting to present information on the TRIAD (reducing crime against the elderly) program.

New Business:

Members were reminded that if they have not contacted the Town Clerk regarding their reappointment to the Senior Advisory Committee to do so.

Reports:

Council - No report

Clergy - Seth English reported that he will make every attempt to contact the clergy in the community as per his responsibilities as a Senior Advisory Committee representative.

AARP - Jane Helen Ross reported that one goal of the group is to increase their membership They continue to provide very successful programs.

Wethersfield Housing Authority - Kathi Liberman reported that fall programming is underway. Dates for applying for Energy Assistance have been established. The Seniors and Students as Partners program will begin in the winter.

Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent - Christine Taylor reported on the Medicare D upcoming open enrollment. She discussed and distributed the CEAN (CT Elder Action Network) 2007 Legislative Summary. Chris shared information regarding the Energy Assistance Program.

People With Disabilities Chris Taylor reported that they discussed issues with transportation.

Wethersfield Senior Club: Carol Tedone informed the Committee that they started their first meeting on September 5 after being closed for 3 weeks for building cleaning. They had 140 people at their last Bingo game and they distributed spinach pies.

Social Services/Senior Center: Christine Taylor reported that the 9th District Senior Expo will be held at the Rocky Hill Community Center on October 24, 9am - 1pm. On November 1, at 1:00 pm, there will be a Medicare D informational meeting at the Pitkin Community Center for seniors and people with disabilities. CHOICES new Regional Manager, Lindsey Quillen will speak. Chris distributed the Summary of Proposed ITN Transportation System. Our program will be part of the ITN program in Middlesex County and St. Luke's is the lead agency. This system uses volunteers and paid drivers to transport seniors (60+) and those with visual impairments 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Announcement

Kathy Bagley distributed brochures and discussed the future plans for Mill Woods. She gave updated information regarding the 9/11 Memorial Sport Center project at the Pitkin Community Center.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi Liberman