

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Thursday, February 16, 2006

Vice Chair, Jane Helen Ross, opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Members present were Jane Helen Ross, Grace Pienckiowski, Gerry Seklecki, Donna Mattison, Christine Taylor, Estelle Knurek, Kathy Lieberman and Kathleen Bagley, Director, Parks and Recreation. Guests present were Nancy Stilwell, Joe Mehan, Clare Mehan and Maribeth Dwane.

1. Public Comments.

No public comments.

2. [Minutes - January 18, 2006.](#)

Minutes were approved with the change of spelling for one member's name. The correction was made for Stilwell. Grace Pieckiowski moved to approve the minutes with the change. The motion was seconded by Gerry Seklecki and voted unanimously.

3. Old Business.

a. Election of Chairperson and Secretary.

At the present time, no one is interested in being chairperson. This item will be continued to the next meeting.

4. New Business.

a. Senior Citizen Brochure.

Donna Mattison distributed a copy of the Senior Citizen Brochure. She explained that even though the brochure is dated 2003, all information is still current. She encouraged members to take copies of the brochure and pass them out to their respective organizations. This brochure gives a summary of the various services offered for senior citizens in the Town of Wethersfield.

b. Goals.

Committee members reviewed the goals in their packet. Some minor changes were made to the goals. A motion was made by Estelle Knurek and seconded by Kathy Lieberman to accept the goals for the 2006 business year.

5. Reports.

a. Wethersfield Housing Authority.

Kathy Liberman reported that everything is going okay.

b. AARP.

Gerry Seklecki reported that the AARP program was good. Estelle Knurek gave an update on future programs for March for St. Patrick's Day.

c. Elderly Services Coordinator.

Christine Taylor reported that the state is looking into creating a new commission on aging and a study will be done in the next year to determine the need in the state for this commission.

d. Wethersfield Seniors' Club.

Grace Pienckiowski reported that everything is going well and that they will be installing new officers in June.

e. Social Services.

Nancy Stilwell reported that the Social and Youth Services Department and the Parks and Recreation have moved into new space on the ground floor of the Town Hall. Mrs. Stilwell also reported that the Central Connecticut State University is doing an evaluation of the Social and Youth Services Department and will be presenting these results at the commission's next meeting on March 16, 2006, at 3:45 p.m. Mr. Ben Tyson, a professor from the university, will present the results.

f. Transportation.

The Dial-a-Ride service went out to bid. Logistic Care was the only bidder for this service and their cost did not go up significantly. It's approximately a 3 per cent increase for this service for the upcoming year.

- g. The towns in the tri-town area, Wethersfield, Newington and Rocky Hill, are looking to submit a grant to provide medical transportation for seniors in these three towns. It will expand the medical transportation from four days per week to five days per week in the tritown area and go to two other towns for medical appointments.

h. Volunteer Driver Program.

Again, the department is working with Rocky Hill and Newington to develop a volunteer driver program in conjunction with AARP. This driver program will be used for seniors to attend social and civic activities or medical rides. This program is under review now and may be implemented in six months to a year. AARP will help recruit and train volunteers.

i. Glass Slipper Project.

This project is going to be sponsored by the Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board for kids who cannot afford prom gowns. The commission will look for people to donate new or gently used formal clothes to the board. Senior citizens will be recruited as greeters and possibly to provide alterations to the clothes. Maribeth Dwane of the Wethersfield Health Care volunteered to provide the refreshments for this program.

j. Senior Center News.

Donna Mattison reported that they had entertainment in February and other entertainment is scheduled for March and April. The computer classes registration is steady and new programs will be offered in the next couple of months.

6. Adjournment.

Kathy Lieberman moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Christine Taylor and voted unanimously.