

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday, March 15, 2012

Present: Kathi Liberman, Jane-Helen Ross, Donna Mattison, Claire Mehan, Joe Mehan, Christine Taylor, Kathy Bagley, Chris Skowronek, Millie Cournoyer, Adele Antoniou, Wayne Urbanski, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

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

Minutes: Minutes from the November, 2011 meeting were approved: motion by Millie Cournoyer, 2nd by Jane Helen Ross

Old Business: Planning for the spring educational event is ongoing and will take place on May 15 from 1:00 to 4:30. The focus will be on “How to Make Your Nest Egg Last Longer”. Speakers will include Elder Law Attorney Paul Czepiga on Managing your Current Assets; Kathryn Freda, Reverse Mortgage Specialist will talk about eligibility and pros and cons of reverse mortgages; and Attorney Henry Weatherby on annuities, trusts and financial planning. In addition, others will be available as resources and to answer questions: Thomas Stefanko, State Veteran’s Office; Chandler Rose, Town Tax Assessor, and Bob O’Dea, D’Esopo Life Care Arrangement Center.

Iron Mountain document shredding company will be on site from 3:30 to 4:30 so that people can bring documents to be shredded.

There is \$600 left unencumbered in the budget. A motion was made by Jane Helen Ross, 2nd by Joe Mehan to spend up to \$150 for the Volunteer Recognition Event on April 10th. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Claire Mehan and 2nd by Adele Antoniou to spend up to \$375 on the shredding, food, paper goods and supplies for the educational event on May 15th. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership on the SCAC was discussed. Several members will indicate to the Town Clerk that they are willing to continue serving when their terms expire in June 2012. It was noted that Caroline Tedone has moved and her new address has to be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

Committee Reports:

- Council – No report.
- Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that grants to improve family and senior units are being prepared. There is a program with Silas Deane Middle School scheduled for next month.
- Clergy – Chris Skowronek reported that First Church has a person, Michael McDowell who will be working with seniors.
- Elderly Services – Chris Taylor reported that over 500 energy applications have been taken. Renter Rebate will start May 15th. AARP has scholarships for low income women over age 50. There will be Senior Games in New Britain May 18-20th. And

there will be a conference on aging at the Keeney Center on May 4th. She also reported that Meals on Wheels are available at no charge to anyone who qualifies through June 2012.

- WACPD – There will be a meeting on March 21st focused on transportation.
- Senior Club - Joe Mehan reported that there was a luncheon last month for activity coordinators. There was a St. Patrick's bingo event on 3/14/12 and 134 tickets were sold. Set Back group is having a St. Patrick's event on 3/16.
- Social Services – Donna distributed newsletters and reminded people that AARP is doing tax preparation. Appointments can be made by calling Social and Youth Services.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Mehan, 2nd by Claire Mehan.. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy A. Stilwell, Ph.D.
Director, Social and Youth Services