

## SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2014

**Present:** Kathi Liberman, Christine Taylor, Lisa Galipo, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Kathy Bagley, Tony Martino, Barbara Higbee, Henry Higbee, Agnes Bolasevich, Chris Skowronek

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

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April 17, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously: motion by Claire Mehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Higbee.

### **Old Business:**

- **Committee Membership:** Kathi Liberman stated that Caroline Tedone had resigned from the committee. There are still openings for members in Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Possible candidates should be invited to attend any upcoming meetings to determine their interest in joining.
- **Financial Update:** Lisa Galipo reported there is a balance of \$1,700 in our account.
- **Report from Volunteer Recognition Event (06/03/2014):** Lisa Galipo reported that the event went well and the Laughter Yoga program (entertainment) was well received.

### **New Business:**

- **Spring Educational Event:** Kathi Liberman asked that we start thinking about topics for next Spring's annual educational event.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Council Liaison:** Tony Martino reported:
  - the town budget has passed.
  - Additional money has been allocated for road repairs.
  - He took a tour of the work being done on the high school was pleased with the results thus far.
- **Wethersfield Housing Authority:** Kathi Liberman reported:
  - the applications for family units has been closed because a 2-year waiting period now exists.
- **Clergy:** Pastor Chris Skowronek reported:
  - Rev. Michael McDonell has retired from First Church.
  - CenterPoint Community Church, First Church, Free Evangelical and New Life Church participated in "Radiate", a weekend of work and prayer, August 30 – September 1. Over 100 volunteers helped renovate facilities in Mill Woods Park on Saturday. On Sunday, September 1 an outdoor service was held at The Cove.
- **Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent:** Chris Taylor reported:
  - they are getting a jump start on the Energy Assistance Program with help from CRT.
  - Renters Rebate Program ends October 1.

- copies of the CT Legislative Commission on Aging's "2014 Inside the Dome Report" were distributed and discussed.
- People with Disabilities: Chris Taylor reported:
  - the next meeting is scheduled for October 15.
  - a motorcycle ride fundraiser is scheduled for September 28.
  - Thanksgiving program is scheduled for November 17.
  - they will be participating in the Open house scheduled at Pitkin Community Center on October 10.
- Senior Center Activities: Lisa Galipo reported:
  - the day trip to Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA scheduled for Oct. 19 is a huge success.
  - the new activities scheduled for Fall seem to be filling quickly, especially the Chair Yoga.
  - "Monday Afternoon at the Movies" is catching on. A free movie is scheduled for Mondays at 1:00 pm: Oct. 20, August Rush starring Robin Willaims; Oct. 27, Top Hat, with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Note: There is no movie scheduled for the first Monday of the month due to the musical entertainment usually scheduled.
  - Singer extraordinaire Ashley Cruz is scheduled to perform on Monday, Oct. 6 at 1:00 pm. This International-theme event will include a special soup provided by Hercules Helping Hands homecare agency.
  - The Senior Center will hold an Open House on Friday, Oct. 10 from 11 – 2. There will be brief demonstrations on all the scheduled classes including Chair Yoga, T'ai Chi Oigong, Broadway Dance and Belly Dance. Additional activites are included.
- Wethersfield Seniors Club: Agnes Bolasevich:
  - The Seniors Club is again looking for someone to schedule trips for the seniors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Claire Mehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Higbee. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mehan, member At-Large