

## SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Minutes

Thursday, January 17, 2014

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

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

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November 21, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously: motion by Joe Mehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christine Taylor.

### **Old Business:**

- Kathi Liberman said that Tony Martino and Agnes Bolesaevich would be added to the official SCAC membership list on the town's website.
- Financial Update: Lisa reported there is a balance of \$1,398 left in our account.
- Lisa Galipo reported that the Community Center would try showing a movie in February to see if there is any interest. If there is, she would pursue getting a Movie License.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Annual Educational Seminar:
  - Kathi Liberman reported that the Planning Committee had met to continue plans for the event scheduled for May 19, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The theme is “Happy Trails to You”.
  - Kathi reported that Scott Haney is not available to MC the event and that she was working on getting another local celebrity.
  - Lisa Galipo reported she has a few vendors already expressing an interest in setting up at the event. She is hoping to get at least 12 vendors.
  - Joe Mehan suggested that the Seniors Club be asked to make a donation for refreshments for that event. Kathi Liberman said she would send them a request. Joe said he would also ask one of the local nursing facilities to provide refreshments.
- Council Liaison Tony Martino reported:
  - the town has approved the purchase of a new fire truck.
  - a Charter Revision Committee has been formed with a public meeting to be scheduled for the near future.
- Wethersfield Housing Authority: Kathi Liberman reported
  - renovations are still underway and that they are looking into additional funding for senior housing.
  - The housing authority received a grant from CHFA for additional programs.
- Clergy: Joe Mehan reported for Pastor Chris Skowronek:
  - A mass mailing has just been completed as part of CenterPoint Community Church's Outreach Program. Fliers were sent to homes in Wethersfield and the southern part of

Hartford.

- Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent: Chris Taylor reported
  - Additional volunteers are needed for the Friendly Shopper/Friendly Visitor Program. Volunteers are required to attend a three hour training class.
  - Residents seeking relief from their property taxes are urged to file an application between February 1 and May 13.
  - A free dental clinic is scheduled for Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at the Expo Center in Hartford.
  - A Foreclosure Prevention Clinic is being offered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, beginning February 18, from 5 – 8 pm.
  - Free tax preparation assistance for low to moderate income families will again be offered by AARP. Assistance is available each Wednesday beginning in February. Anyone interested needs to call the Department of Social & Youth Services for an appointment.
  - The Lions Club is looking to recruit new members. For information, call Robert Blejewski at 860-721-8601.
  - A meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 7:00 pm First Church Village on Welles Rd. to discuss transportation needs of the community. Also, the Dial-A-Ride contract is up for bids. This process is required every 3 years.
  
- Senior Center Activities: Lisa Galipo reported:
  - the Lunch & Learn program seems to have caught on and attendance has been good.
  - the Keane Foundation gave a grant to continue the Chair Yoga class through June.
  - The Center has applied for a grant from the Central CT Health District. Awaiting word if the grant will be approved.
  - A fundraiser is being planned, possibly selling pies from Lyman Orchards for Easter.
  
- Wethersfield Seniors Club: Agnes Bolasevich:
  - no special activities planned yet for the new year.

The next meeting is February 13, 2014 at 3:00 pm. The meeting was immediately followed by a meeting of the Planning Committee for “Happy Trails to You”.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mehan, member At-Large