

**WETHERSFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011**

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: CAROL KEENAN, JOAN HAINES, KATHLEEN SULLIVAN, CHRISTINE TAYLOR, NATALIE MORRISON

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT – NO ONE PRESENT**

**III. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2010**

JOAN HAINES MOVED THAT THE MINUTES BE ACCEPTED. CHRISTINE TAYLOR 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. GROUP HOME VISITS**

A GROUP HOME HAS BEEN ADDED TO OUR LIST. IT IS LOCATED AT 72 VILLAGE LANE. SEVEN RESIDENTS HAD JOINED OUR LOCAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING PROGRAM THIS PAST FALL. THEY PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN ADDITIONAL SPORTS AS WELL.

**B. SENIORS**

“BEING A SMART CONSUMER” PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL. RENTER REBATES ARE CURRENTLY GO ON. MEDICARE PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE IN LATE APRIL. THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS. OPERATION FUEL OFFERS A ONE TIME ASSISTANCE OF UP TO \$350.

TAXI ACCESSIBLE INITIATIVE – 140 ACCESSIBLE TAXIS THROUGH JOINT EFFORTS OF METRO AND YELLOW CAB. THEY ARE REQUESTING PERMITS FOR THESE VEHICLES. HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN LATE JANUARY AND LATE FEBRUARY.

AARP TAX PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR FEB.1 – APRIL 15.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT HEALTH DISTRICT IS HAVING A WOMAN TO WOMAN CAMPAIGN. THE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING FREE EDUCATION AND FREE MAMMOGRAM VOUCHERS. FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS ARE BEING OFFERED.

ITN – MIDDLETOWN IS PHASING OUT. WETHERSFIELD MAY JOIN WEST HARTFORD ITN (WHEN THEY ARE READY. POSSIBLY MARCH).

ITN GIVES 24/7 ACCESS FOR THOSE NOT USING A WHEELCHAIR. \$40/YRLY REGISTRAATION FEE; ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR AN ACCOUNT THAT WILL BE DEDUCTED AS YOU USE SERVICE.

**C. PARKS AND RECREATION**

THE THANKSGIVING DINNER HAD 110 ATTENDEES AS WELL AS APPROXIMATELY 20 VOLUNTEERS. 2 RESIDENTS ALSO DONATED THEIR TIME AND TALENT, PROVIDING JAZZ DINNER MUSIC. 125 ATTENDEES DANCED AND ENJOYED THEMSELVES AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY. THE DEPARTMENT HELD THE ANNUAL SANTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS WETHERSFIELD PROGRAMS. OVER 500 INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED THE EVENT. \$2,400 IN PROCEEDS WAS RAISED. SPONSORSHIP WAS PROVIDED BY MDC AND IN-KINDS SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY WETHERSFIELD HEALTH CARE CENTER. THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SNOWSHOEING TEAM BEGAN PRACTICING. ATHLETE REGISTRATION HAS DOUBLED SINCE LAST YEAR. THREE COACHES ATTENDED A TRAINING SCHOOL ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN BECOMING A CERTIFIED COACH IN SNOWSHOEING. WINTER GAMES WILL BE HELD MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> AT THE CL&P CENTER IN SIMBSBURY.

**D. TRANSPORTATION**

MARCH 16, 2011 IS THE TENTATIVE DATE OF THE TRANSPORTATION MEETING AT FIRST CHURCH. MEMBERS ARE CONFIRMING WITH THE MANAGER. ALTERNATE DATES AND/OR LOCATIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED IF NEEDED.

E. UPDATE ON RESOURCE BOOKLET  
PRINTING OF BOOKLETS WAS COMPLETED. BILL NEEDS TO BE PAID.

F. UPDATE ON LIBRARY ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT

G. UPDATE ON PEDESTRAIN LIGHT AT TOWN LINE ROAD

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

NO NEW BUSINESS. SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 AND OCTOBER 19, 2011 MEETING DATES CONFIRMED.

KATHLEEN SULLIVAN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. JOAN HAINES 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION.