

**WETHERSFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**MINUTES OF  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011  
TOWN HALL, MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
7 PM**

- I. INTRODUCTION – Joan Haines, Natalie Morrison, Tina Carciello, Phil Knecht, Frank Meunier, Terry Hulbert, Kathleen Sullivan, Christine Taylor
  
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT – JETS CLUB MEMBERS: Austin and Rob, sophomores and their first year with the Jets Team. The team would like to work with a resident in the community and assist with any work-related issues. They are looking into Stew Leonard's, Walgreens, Lasher Court and the transitional H.S. program for some insight.
  
- III. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 – Terry Hulbert motioned to accept the minutes. Frank 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.
  
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. GROUP HOME VISITS – a number of the adults from the group homes are participating in a regional bowling tournament on Nov. 6, state tournament on the weekend of Nov.19-20 and have been invited to the Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 16.  
First Church renovations are ongoing. The development is run by Imagineers and First Church. December 5<sup>th</sup> is the Holiday Dinner at Carmen Anthony.
  
  - B. SENIORS – Energy Blitz is scheduled for Nov.9th. The state is coming to assist. Major cuts have been made for heating assistance. November 15 – March 15 is scheduled for fuel assistance. Medicare Pt. D has open enrollment ending on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
  
  - C. PARKS AND RECREATION – Afterschool programs have begun. There is an ongoing Butter Braid and Cookie Dough Fundraiser for Special Olympics. The Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Nov. 16 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm. There was a motion for a contribution of

\$325.00 for the Thanksgiving and Holiday Dinner. Frank moved to accept. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

D. TRANSPORTATION – Frank commented that Lee Sekas had requested service for town sponsored events. Nancy Stilwell, Soc. & Youth Services Director, had stated she would look into the matter. Lee will be asked to follow up with Nancy.

E. UPDATE ON RESOURCE BOOKLET – It was suggested that the resource booklet be sent to all group homes. Braille and large print copies exist at the library.

F. UPDATE ON LIBRARY ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT – The closest library with full, accessible equipment is located in Meriden.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

Phil Knecht asked if there is anything he can bring to the Governor. There was discussion on getting through/accessing State Services. There was also discussion on locating jobs for persons with disabilities. There is a possibility of a Hartford/Wethersfield Coop. Phil will report additional information when received.

Joan Haines discussed the recent addition of the Sparkles Squad at Wethersfield High School. The Sparkles Squad allows girls with disabilities to cheer along side peer cheerleaders. She also stated that the Jets should be commended for their efforts. She will be writing a letter to the school about the Jets and Sparkles.