

**TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
WETHERSFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES
MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2008**

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Carol Keenan, Chairperson
Joan Haines, Vice Chairperson
Jim Grise
Frank Meunier, Jr.
Kathleen Sullivan

Liaison: Natalie Morrison, Recreation and Parks

Guests: Andy Adil, Mayor
Nancy Stillwell, Director of Social and Youth Services

Mayor Andy Adil introduced himself and explained some changes to the Dial-a-ride transportation system in Wethersfield. He said the Hartford Hospital Medical Center at 1260 Silas Deane Highway is trying to expand their parking so they can expand their operation to add more chemotherapy services. He urged residents to write to the Army Corp of Engineers in support of these efforts. If they are not able to expand they may move to another town.

Nancy Stillwell, Director of Social and Youth Services introduced herself. She said there is another transportation program in the pipeline that may benefit some residents. There will be transportation made available by volunteer drivers as long as the passenger can transfer into a private car. The program is the Independent Transportation Network (ITN) and it was established in Portland, Maine. It will be more expensive than Dial-a-Ride but offers more services. There is a membership fee and members have to put money into a special account to pay for the services. The service operates 365 days a year 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Businesses would be asked to contribute “scholarship” money to help subsidize some of the trips. Fees are a dollar a ride plus a three dollar surcharge. Wethersfield is working together with Middlesex to get the program up and running. They hope to be operating by June or July. Residents who have a Dial-A-Ride subscription will be notified. Nancy Stillwell also noted that this is

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