

The Senior Citizens Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at the Senior Center at 2:45 P.M. Present at the meeting were members: Paula Friez, Patricia Morianos, and Sally Tracy; Director of Senior and Social Services Jennifer Ochoa; and Seniors Inc. Representative Cheryl Udin.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Friez called the meeting to order at 2:45 P.M.

2. Public Comment

Ms. Udin's Seniors Inc. Report:

- Veteran's Day Program was a success
- CRT is no longer providing lunch on Mondays due to the low numbers - Jen and Cheryl now reach out to local restaurants to purchase lunch and some deliver
- There may be a trip planned to Stew Leonard's in March
- There will be a lunch at Cheney Tech on Friday, December 12th
- The next board meeting will be Monday, December 15th
- The holiday party will be Wednesday, December 17th at Mill on the River
- Cookie tasting at the high school on Friday, December 19th
- The Seniors Inc provided 12 Thanksgiving Baskets to local residents in need

**3. Approval of Minutes:
September 11, 2014**

A motion was made by Ms. Morianos, seconded by Ms. Tracy to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

New Business:

Barri Friez from the Assessor's Office will be at one of the upcoming meetings to share tax relief programs available to seniors.

4. Municipal Agent's Report

A. Food Pantry

- a. Bolton High School did their annual donation which was about 260 bags. Some will be donated to MACC and approximately 25 bags will be donated to St. Maurice. All of the food was checked for expired items.
- b. Since last meeting, 4 families have visited the food pantry. Some are visiting every other week, and the others typically visit at the end of the month.

B. Fuel Assistance

- a. Seniors Inc. gave one senior 100 gallons of oil.
- b. As of today, only 2 people have been given fuel assistance. Calls are starting to come in. Currently Jen has three new applications to review. ACCESS began delivering fuel on November 15th.

5. Old Business

A. Veteran's Day Luncheon

- a. Ms. Friez reported that people attending the luncheon were donating cash. She suggested having a donation box set up for the luncheon next year.

6. New Business

- A. Holiday Decorations are up - Thank you to Ms. Friez for coordinating the efforts!
- B. Holiday Luncheon-discussed under Public Comment.
- C. Annual Report-Ms. Ochoa distributed a draft copy of the Annual Report to review. By consensus, the group approved it to be submitted.
- D. Budget.
 - a. Budget is due Jen December 19th - Ms. Ochoa distributed documents related to the budget for review. The group discussed the Senior Van and the budget that repairs for it come out of. It was explained that it was previously in the Buildings and Grounds Budget when it was also used as the Animal Control Officer Vehicle. Bolton now contracts with Vernon for Animal Control Services; therefore the van has not been used for that purpose. Expenses now come out of the Seniors Budget since that is the main use of the vehicle.
- E. Consider and Act on 2015 Meeting Dates - A motion was made by Ms. Tracy, seconded by Ms. Morianos to set the 2015 Meeting Dates as follows: February 12, April 9, June 11, September 10 and December 10. Motion unanimously passed.
 - The group discussed having a valentine card exchange and possible bake goods to celebrate Valentine's Day
 - Ms. Udin suggested that the Senior Center/Town consider holding evening programs. She recently attended a program in Lebanon that was very popular. Ms. Ochoa suggested taking a survey of the seniors to get an idea of what might be popular. Different ideas discussed included: line dancing, square dancing, bonfire, and pizza & karaoke, board game night or a UCONN Party during the Final Four; and a Psychic. They will discuss it at the February meeting.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Tracy, seconded by Ms. Morianos to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bolduk
Board Clerk

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