

The Senior Citizens Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the Senior Center at 2:45 P.M. Present at the meeting were members: Paula Friez, Patricia Morianos, and Maureen Johnson; Director of Senior and Social Services Jennifer Ochoa; Alice Hare and Seniors Inc. Representative Cheryl Udin (left at 3:31 P.M.) and former representative Pamela Sawyer, Donna Tedford (arrived 3:15 P.M.)

1. Call to Order

Ms. Friez called the meeting to order at 2:50 P.M.

2. Public Comment

Ms. Udin's Seniors Inc. Report:

- Brunch will be taking place on Thursday, June 18th (combined for Mother's Day and Father's Day) Seniors Inc. will be covering the entire cost; there will be entertainment
- Some trips and programs are being cancelled due to lack of interest
- Trip to Bear's Smokehouse in Windsor Locks: food was good, however some felt that it was expensive
- A trip to the new restaurant "Our House" in Bolton will be scheduled in the near future

3. Approval of Minutes:

April 16, 2015

A motion was made by Ms. Morianos, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2015 with the following amendment.

In opening paragraph, change name from Paula Giuffre to Tina Giuffre.

Motion unanimously passed.

4. Municipal Agent's Report

A. Food Pantry

- a. The website has been updated with the few items that are still needed; overall the food pantry is still very well stocked from the food drive the high school held
- b. Two new families have signed up for the food pantry. Ms. Ochoa is hopeful information on the food pantry will become more well-known through the PTA

5. Old Business

Ms. Ochoa reported that the town budget was approved on the first referendum.

6. New Business

A. Pam Sawyer

Former State Representative Pam Sawyer was present to discuss new ideas to bring seniors into the Senior Center. The group discussed what has not worked in the past. New suggestions included:

- Attend events such as Bolton Family Day to talk to seniors to talk with seniors about what programs they would like to see at the Senior Center
- Offer something to seniors to get email addresses
- Lions Club Annual Luncheon
- Send information out on Facebook
- Request help from the seniors for help on a specific project

- Do a mailing once a year to seniors with the list of dates of meetings for the year
- Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts could provide a meal
- Always include food for programs
- Knitting projects and request supplies from seniors
- Friday luncheons, checking with local restaurants to offer a discounted meal
- Water color painting class
- Master Gardner program, floral arrangements
- Cookie contest
- Acknowledging Veterans with deliveries
- Medium/Reader
- Comedy Night
- Bolton Historical Society
- Try evening programs again
- CVC show the Senior Center
- Interior Decorator Contest
- 5:00 Exercise program
- Change senior age for senior center to 50
- Solicit donations for residents to sponsor exercise programs
- Apply for Grants to sponsor programs

Ms. Sawyer shared with group information on a project she has been working on-Safe Haven Program. Ms. Sawyer distributed information and asked the members to share with others.

B. Walking Group – an ad will be placed in the next newsletter

Ms. Friez reported that Diane Croxford-Walker is resigning effective July 1st.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Morianos to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bolduk
Board Clerk

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