

The Senior Citizens Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at the Senior Center at 2:45 P.M. Present at the meeting were members: Paula Friez, Pat Morianos, Maureen Johnson, Diane Croxford-Walker; also in attendance were Director of Senior and Social Services Jen Ochoa, Senior Citizens Inc. President Cheryl Udin, and Senior Center Staff Alice Hare.

**1. Call to Order:**

Ms. Friez called the meeting to order at 2:47 P.M.

**2. Public Comment:**

Cheryl Udin, Senior Citizens, Inc. President provided an update:

- A mystery trip is planned for Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>; there will also be a scavenger hunt with prizes; the trip should be approximately 1 hour each way
- There will be a collection for Veteran's in November
- The Holiday Luncheon will be discussed at the next monthly meeting will take place Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Ms. Udin shared that two members recently passed away
- Ms. Udin will be meeting with the IRS to work on obtaining the tax exempt status again

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

**May 23, 2013 Meeting**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Croxford-Walker to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

**4. Municipal Agent's Report:**

**A. Food Pantry**

**a. Recent donations have come in from St. George's Church as well as the Bolton Lions Club**

Ms. Ochoa reported on the generous donations from the two organizations.

**b. Pantry has been rearranged. Surplus food has been moved to closet in small room.**

Ms. Ochoa reported that there were many reasons to move the location of the food pantry. To date, it seems to be working out well.

**c. Since last meeting, 9 families have visited food pantry.**

Ms. Ochoa reported that 1 of the 9 families is new.

**B. Back to School**

**a. (7) \$30 Payless gift cards were given to 4 different families for back to school shoes**

**b. Backpacks, filled with supplies were given to 4 different families**

Salvation Army provided the backpacks and Payless gift cards.

**c. One family was given \$40 in Old Navy gift cards for back to school**

This gift card was provided by the Senior Center to a family right before school began.

**C. Financial Assistance for 2012-2013 Final Numbers**

**a. \$4,415.97 was given out**

**\$500.00 for Rental Assistance**

**\$767.80 for CL&P Assistance**

**\$3,148.17 for Fuel Assistance**

Ms. Ochoa reported the above numbers for 2012-2013, in comparison to the 2011-2012 (below) the numbers are dramatically less.

## **Fiscal Year 2011-2012**

17 families were given assistance (\$9,282.52 and \$2,300.00 in gift cards)

### **D. Scam Alert**

Ms. Ochoa shared information received from Area Agency on Aging regarding scams targeting seniors, and information to help prevent the scams from happening to them.

## **5. Old Business:**

### **A. Women's Club Luncheon**

**a. They have their first meeting end of September when they will discuss.**

Ms. Ochoa reported the Women's Club will be voting on their next project at their next meeting to be held at the end of September.

### **B. Tag Sale, July 27, 2013**

Ms. Udin reported that approximately \$500 was raised on the tag sale. Due to low attendance, it will not be held every year. The group discussed that it was advertised in many areas.

## **6. New Business:**

### **A. Senior Appreciation Luncheon, September 25, 2013**

Ms. Ochoa and Ms. Friez reported that the Board of Selectmen will be serving the lunch provided by the Marlborough Health and Rehab Center. The Rehab Center will also give a brief presentation on their services.

### **B. Flu Clinic, October 1, 2013**

Ms. Friez reported that the Annual Flu Clinic will be taking place on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Senior Center from 2:00-4:15.

### **C. Senior Expo, October 3, 2013 10:00-2:00**

Ms. Ochoa reported that the first Senior Expo will be taking place at the Senior Center on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Currently 13 vendors are signed up to attend. Free health screenings will be provide (blood pressure, hearing screenings, cholesterol and blood sugar). Boxed lunches will also be provided for the vendors by Crestfield Rehabilitation.

Ms. Johnson shared an article with the board regarding a state representative meeting with members of local senior center. She asked if it would be possible to have the same thing in Bolton. The next Seniors Inc. meeting will vote on when to hold the program.

### **D. November – Veteran's Month**

Ms. Morianos reported that she has the wish list, and will bring it to the board meeting. She also reported that the republicans and democrats are expecting to hold a collection at

the poles. The Senior Center will hold a luncheon for the Veterans. The collection will take place October 1-25, and the luncheon will take place on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Additional Item**

A motion was made by Ms. Friez, seconded by Ms. Diane Croxford-Walker to add an item to the agenda "Election of Officers".

**E. Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Croxford-Walker to nominate Paula Friez as Chairwoman. Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Friez, seconded by Ms. Morianos to nominate Diane Croxford-Walker as Vice-Chairwoman. Motion unanimously passed.

**7. Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ms. Friez, seconded by Ms. Croxford-Walker to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Bolduk  
Board Clerk

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.