

The Senior Citizens Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at the Senior Center at 2:45 P.M. Present at the meeting were members: Paula Friez, Pat Morianos, Maureen Johnson, Sally Tracy and Diane Croxford-Walker; also in attendance were Director of Senior and Social Services Jen Ochoa and Senior Center staff Alice Hare.

1. Call to Order:

Ms. Friez called the meeting to order at 2:55 P.M.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes:

September 19, 2013 Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Tracy to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Municipal Agent's Report

A. Food Pantry

- a. Ms. Ochoa reported that the food pantry is currently very well stocked. Paper goods can always be used.
- b. Since the last meeting, 7 families have visited the food pantry.

B. Holiday Baskets

- a. St. Maurice distributed 18 Thanksgiving Baskets, per the recommendation of Ms. Ochoa.
- b. St. George's Church distributed 2 additional baskets.
- c. Bolton High School students donated 5 baskets.

5. Old Business

A. Veteran's Collection Update

The group reported that the collection for the Veteran's was not as successful as last year. Ms. Morianos reported she collected additional monetary donations, and purchased additional items.

B. Seniors Inc. Holiday Luncheon

The group discussed the upcoming Holiday Luncheon at Georgina's. The original plan was to hold it at the Gallery in Glastonbury, however they would not be able to meet the minimum number of people. Members of the group reported that there were complaints regarding the meal options at Georgina's, however it was voted on by Seniors Inc. Ms. Udin called in to discuss the matter further. She reviewed the menu in detail, and reported that Seniors Inc. will be

paying \$2.50 per person towards the price. The group also discussed possibly having everyone order their own individual meals. Ms. Croxford-Walker expressed that it is important to support Bolton based businesses.

C. Election of Officers Recap.

At the previous meeting, Mr. Friez was elected as Chair, and Ms. Croxford-Walker was elected as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Friez commended Ms. Morianos for her hard work as Chair of the Commission. Ms. Morianos has served on the board for 20 years.

6. New Business

A. Budget

Ms. Ochoa reported that budget will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The total requested budget is \$168,000. When the budget was decreased last year, it removed the ability to reimburse seniors \$5 for the longer trips.

B. Calendar of meetings for 2014

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Tracy to set the 2014 meeting dates as follows: February 13, April 17, June 12, September 12 and December 11. Motion unanimously passed.

C. Bolton Senior Center closing early on December 12

Ms. Ochoa reported that the Senior Center will be closing at 1:00 P.M. on December 12th for the staff holiday luncheon.

Ms. Friez reported that there will be a reception for Town Clerk Susan DePold on December 10th, 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Tracy, seconded by Ms. Croxford-Walker to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bolduk
Board Clerk

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