

The Senior Citizens Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Senior Center at 2:45 P.M. Present at the meeting were members Pat Morianos, Sally Tracy, Maureen Johnson and Diane Croxford-Walker; Senior Center Employee Alice Hare; and resident Cheryl Udin.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mrs. Croxford-Walker, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion passed with Ms. Morianos abstaining.

Public Comment:

None.

Municipal's Agent Report:

None.

Old Business:

Ms. Morianos confirmed that Probate Judge Michael Darby will be at the Senior Center on May 23rd to discuss Medicaid.

Ms. Morianos shared with the commission the information on the tax credit work program. Eligible seniors may work and earn up to a \$750.00 tax credit at the current minimum wage rate. Ms. Morianos will have additional information to share at the next meeting regarding other tax relief programs.

Update from Ms. Hare:

- A form has been created for people to complete when using the Food Bank. It will be at the discretion of the new Director of Senior and Social Services if it will be used or modified.

- Ms. Hare shared with the commission the statistics since March 1st:
 - 8 people have used the food bank
 - No assistance provided for oil or electricity

- Ms. Hare also informed the commission that there is a current list of seniors at risk. She did contact three other Senior Centers, and was informed that they do not currently have a "Buddy List".

The commission discussed multiple ways of putting a system in place to contact seniors at risk during town wide emergencies. Options discussed included:

- keeping a list at the Senior Center and Town Hall, available people could go to one of those two places to make calls
- Members of the commission could each have a copy of the list to make calls from home if unable to drive to Senior Center or Town Hall

Possible issues would be no phone service (such as during the storms in the fall).

The commission also discussed the importance of having a home alert system, such as “Lifeline”. Ms. Udin has requested information from the company.

New Business:

Ms. Hare shared that on May 3rd, the Resident State Trooper will be at the Senior Center to inform seniors of scams that they should be aware of.

Ms. Morianos shared with the commission information that was collected in a survey completed two years ago on Senior Centers in Connecticut. The survey results are available on the State of Connecticut Aging Services website.

Ms. Morianos shared information on Mystic Aquarium for a possible trip. The commission discussed that they would like to offer additional programs, however there seems to be a lack of interest. It was suggested to open programs up to other towns.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mrs. Tracy, seconded by Mrs. Croxford-Walker to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Bolduk
Board Clerk

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