

The Senior Citizens Commission held their regular meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at the Senior Center at 2:45 P.M. Present at the meeting were members: Paula Friez, Diane Croxford-Walker, Maureen Johnson, Tina Giuffre and Patricia Morianos; also in attendance were Director of Senior and Social Services Jen Ochoa, Senior Center staff Alice Hare 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 updated the board on Seniors Inc. information:

- Numbers of people attending activities is decreasing, resulting in two activity cancellations.
- The trip to IKEA and the Casino were well attended.
- The Salad Demonstration was very successful.
- The group discussed that a Balance Program is planned for August, possibly one in the fall.

3. Approval of Minutes:

January 20, 2014

A motion was made by Ms. Croxford-Walker, seconded by Ms. Giuffre to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Municipal Agent's Report

A. Food Pantry

- a. It is currently well stocked. The website is being updated on a regular basis for specific items needed. Donations continue to come in. Items that are currently needed are Chef Boyardee products, beef stew and macaroni and cheese.
- b. Since last meeting, 4 families have visited the food pantry.
- c. There is a new application process to update files for people that are using the food pantry. It is similar to the process MACC and State Agencies use.

B. Fuel Assistance

Seniors Inc. had agreed to pay for next senior who needed fuel up to \$500. It did not happen this year; however it will probably take place in the fall.

5. Old Business

A. Charter Memo.

Ms. Friez emailed Joyce requesting the clarification of duties in the Charter related to the Senior Center. The current Charter Study Committee is in the process of reviewing all comments received regarding the charter.

B. Budget Discussion

Budget was approved at last referendum. It is unknown at this time what percentage budget will be cut.

6. New Business

Ms. Giuffre suggested holding a program for seniors to learn about the different tools that are available to seniors to make their life easier. Discussion took place about possibly holding programs to help seniors with navigating the internet for useful information. Ms. Udin shared information regarding a group called “NEAT” New England Assistant Technology. They have showrooms on how you can adapt bathrooms for seniors. Ms. Udin will follow up to see if a trip to the showroom is feasible, and then possibly have a representative come to the senior center.

The group discussed some upcoming events: Bar-B-Que, with a country band in August; the Hartford Flower Tour in August; vintage item appraisal at the next Seniors Inc. meeting, visit from the new Resident State Trooper, Brian Contenta; Crestfield is sponsoring a luncheon in July with a program “Better Breathing equals Better Living” and Senior Appreciation Luncheon in September.

Schedule of Meetings

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 11th. Jen will not be in attendance.

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Croxford-Walker to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bolduk
Board Clerk

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