

Senior Citizen Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
4:30pm Town Council Chambers

Present: Amy DeZenzo, Diane Chiota, Joan Melhorn, Gary Raytar, Helen Weinstein, Rachel Yahwak, Robert Bellows and Dorothy Merritt

Absent: Rita Grossi

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Amy DeZenzo.

Appointment of Temporary Chairman

Amy DeZenzo moved to appoint Diane Chiota as temporary chairman of the commission. Seconded by Roberta Bellows and approved unanimously.

Election of Officers

Diane Chiota noted the election of officers is done at the first meeting of the new year. The following elections were held:

1. Secretary: moved by Diane Chiota to appoint Helen Weinstein as secretary; seconded by Roberta Bellows and approved unanimously.
2. Vice-Chairman: moved by Amy DeZenzo to appoint Roberta Bellows as vice-chairman; seconded by Rachel Yahwak and approved unanimously.
3. Permanent Chairman: Diane Chiota entertained nominations for chairman. It was moved by Roberta Bellows to appoint Rachel Yahwak as chairman; seconded by Amy DeZenzo. It was moved by Joan Melhorn to appoint Gary Raytar as chairman; seconded by Roberta Bellows. Vote taken by show of hands: Rachel – 4 in favor; 3 opposed; Gary – 3 in favor; 4 opposed. Rachel was appointed chairman of the commission.

Establishment of Meeting Dates

Chairman Yahwak moved that the Senior Citizen Commission meetings be held on the fourth Friday of each month at 10:00am at the Town Hall; seconded by Amy DeZenzo. Discussion. It was noted that the commission met during the day at the Senior Center as a courtesy to the seniors who would like to attend and this should be taken into consideration. Diane Chiota noted that ample transportation will be available to the Town Hall if it is required.

Amy DeZenzo noted that a meeting was held with Douglas Holcomb of GBTA and the First Selectman this morning. Mr. Holcomb noted there is grant money available for transportation of five or more seniors to meetings, shopping, etc. that is outside the existing contract. He has requested to meet with the town officials to review the options. First Selectman Herbst noted the town is not taking full advantage of the grants that are available and would like to meet with the Senior Commission to review

the options. This is also being coordinated with Stern Village. The town is also willing to look at other grants that the Senior Commission would like to pursue.

Vote taken to establish the commission meetings at Town Hall on the fourth Friday of the month at 10:00am – 2 opposed; 5 in favor. First meeting will be held Friday, December 14, 2012 at 10:00am in the Long Hill Conference Room. An agenda will be posted and emailed to commission members.

Appointment of Subcommittee to Establish Bylaws

Chairman Yahwak appointed the following subcommittee to establish bylaws for the Senior Citizen Commission: Amy DeZenko, Roberta Bellows and Diane Chiota.

Introduction of New Members

Amy DeZenko introduced the new members present on the commission: Roberta Bellows, Rachel Yahwak and Rita Grossi (unable to attend meeting due to a prior commitment).

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Amy DeZenko to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm; seconded by Roberta Bellows. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk