



Chairperson Yahwak also noted that women from End Hunger CT attended the Health Fair, and Jessica Mahon, an older adult outreach advocate from SNAP, also attended.

Chairperson Yahwak discussed the surveys that were taken recently, noting that 600 were sent out, and 23 were received back. They will be re-sent in October.

Chairperson Yahwak also mentioned that she met with Patrice Sulik from the Health Department regarding the new kitchen for the Senior Center. Ms. Ferreira mentioned some current issues and problems with the kitchen. The kitchen is now clearly marked, "Staff Only." The snack bar is open. It was recommended that the commission purchase a refrigerator for the outer area and leave the current refrigerator for the staff to use, however this must go to bidding. Different levels of kitchens were discussed. The \$20,000 kitchen grant was also discussed.

Mr. Raytar noted that there is a kitchen committee and discussed meetings that are scheduled regarding the kitchen.

Mr. David Rutugliano, State Assemblyman and restaurateur, spoke to the commission about Health Department requirements for the kitchen. He also noted that the minimum cost for a new kitchen could be approximately \$100,000.00. He also explained the different levels of kitchens and what needs to be done for each of them. A level 1 kitchen was further discussed. Mr. Rutugliano also explained National Safety Foundation(NSF) requirements, and discussed the industry standards regarding cleaning. The overall goal is to eventually have a full working kitchen.

Senator Anthony Musto also joined the meeting, and discussed costs of the new kitchen, possible grants, and the steps necessary to start the process of building the new kitchen.

Mr. Allen White joined the meeting as well, noting the work that needs to be done for the new kitchen, and he also discussed building codes and what needs to be done to make the kitchen compatible. The kitchen will need to be commercial grade if the public is to be involved. He will be contacting the Town architect.

The kitchen committee's members include Any DeZenzo, Helen Weinstein, Dee Chiota, Gary Raytar, Rita Grossi, Joan Mehlhorn, and Sylvia Jones from the public. They will plan to meet to start planning the kitchen.

Chairperson Yahwak further discussed the Senior Center and any complaints that were received. She also stated that the primary goal is to encourage seniors and make the Senior Center the best it could be. Ways of making the commission more available to seniors were also discussed.

Chairperson Yahwak reported that a letter was received from Ms. Sylvia Ashkenazi regarding the overcrowded classes at the Senior Center. The problem was a misunderstanding and the issue has been resolved.

Ms. Ferreira noted that pictures were taken and appeared in Senior Life Magazine.

The pizza and movie event in September was very well received. The next movie is planned for October and the movie to be shown will be, "Something's Gotta Give." The pizza will be served at noon, and the movie showing will be scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

Smile A While will be performing on October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. This is a free performance.

The Drama Club will perform their play on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for this performance are \$7.00, and Ludlowe will be offering a free light lunch. The performance at the VA on September 11<sup>th</sup> was mentioned, and the show was very well received. Costs and possible grants were also discussed. The issue of possible future grant money will be tabled until the next meeting on October 25, 2013.

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Ferreira mentioned that there will be a Halloween party on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at the Senior Center. Activities at the party will include pumpkin carving (free pumpkins will be donated), a pumpkin carving contest, and a best costume contest. There will be a smoke machine and a lunch will be catered. Several commission members volunteered for this event.

Motion made by Joan Mehlhorn and seconded by Gary Raytar to allot Senior Center Director Jean Ferreira \$650.00 for the Halloween Party to be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, October 31, 2013. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Ms. Ferreira also did the ledgers for June, July, and August. Ms. Merritt discussed finance issues with the commission. July and August were adjusted, and a new set of financial spreadsheets was received. Ms. Merritt mentioned that a non-resident was registered and this issue was corrected. Ms. Merritt noted the ending balance.

Amendments to the Senior Center Brochure will be tabled until the next meeting.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Raytar updated the commission on the current status of the Greater Bridgeport Transit or GBT. He discussed Stern Village, and their involvement with the GBT. Further updates are now to come from Harriet Polansky, director of Stern Village. He also discussed the need for seniors to be represented. Ms. Ferreira noted the \$47,000.00 grant for seniors aged 60 and over and for disabled adults. The

American's Freedoms Grant, and the ADA was discussed. Verification of the transportation by dispatchers was also discussed.

Chairperson Yahwak thanked everyone for their help with the Newsletter, and for getting it out to the public. She thanked everyone for their time and help with folding, labeling, etc. She also thanked Ms. Bellows and Ms. Merritt for their editing.

### **New Business**

Ms. Merritt discussed the Library Memorial Plaque. It is a commemorative plaque for people who have done something outstanding. The commission will be looking into recommendations for someone for this by the end of the year. Ms. Ferreira noted that this could be added to the November newsletter.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Joan Mehlhorn and seconded by Rita Grossi to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Kosarko  
Clerk