

Senior Citizen Commission Meeting - October 24, 2014

Trumbull Senior Commission
October 24, 2014
10:00 am
Long Hill Conference Room

The Senior Citizen Commission of the Town of Trumbull held a scheduled meeting on October 24, 2014 in the Long Hill Conference Room in the Trumbull Town Hall.

Members Present: Chairperson Rachel Yahwak; Vice Chairperson Roberta Bellows, Ron Foligno, Dee Chiota, Dorothy Merritt, Jean Ferreira, Amy DeZenzo, Alternates Maureen Gordon, Gail D'Elia

Others in Attendance: Lynn Arnow, Linda Diamond

Public Comment
No public comment

Past Minutes

Motion was made by Mrs. Chiota and seconded by Mrs. Gordon, to approve minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report

Mrs. Chiota noted that she set a get well cards to Joan Melhourn and Bob Miller (he is doing well).

Chairperson's Report

Function room temperature was 65 degrees on Monday.

Linda Diamond received an e-mail complaint of lack of heat in the various rooms. Mrs. Diamond sent an e-mail to the First Selectman's office.

Baseboard never attached to the heat system. The building has been winterized (box is locked). There is still concern regarding zones and of Jean being able to control the heat thermostat.

Mr. Foligno questioned whether outside gutters have been replaced.
Special thanks to all who volunteered for the Health Fair Expo, especially Emily Areson for the publicity.

Thank You Dinner invitations for Boards & Commissions were given to the Commissioners. Up to this year spouses were invited, because of budget constraints spouses are not invited this year.

Thank you to Smile a While, performance will be at Christmas Party, December 12th
AARP having a safety course online and takes 8 hours.

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Lunch and Movie – Movie Blended at Ludlow Healthcare Center had poor turnout. Thirty-Five people had signed up to go, Only 8 showed. Seniors need to respond if not going to attend. Weather may have been a factor as it was bad this day. Discussion about collecting \$2 deposit when Seniors sign up. Motion made by Mrs. Bellows to collect \$2 deposit when Seniors sign up for Lunch and a Movie Mrs. DeZenko seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Bingo – Space limitation concerns

Thanksgiving – Ms. Fereira has \$25 gift cards. They will be given by the commission. Senior Center will receive 25 turkeys, not 75. Usually give out 100 baskets. Newtown Savings Bank donating \$1,000 toward baskets. Volunteers will be needed; Ms. Fereira and Jenn (Social Services Director) will e-mail commission of needy families.

Directors Report

Thank you for support while Sharon is out, many of volunteered for coverage and drivers.

Health Fair – Very successful a great deal of work and volunteers were great.

Social Services is filling part time position, exceptional candidates have applied

Halloween Party – October 31st at 1:00pm – Ludlow will bring cake, cider and punch CT In Home Assistance will provide cupcakes, gifts being donated, costumes requested. Commissioners are requested to assist.

Christmas Party – December 12th, \$9 per person - chicken marsala, rice, salad. Santa will attend. Party is for Trumbull residents only; there will be a waiting list. Commissioners are requested to assist.

Budget – Ms. Fereira has started the budget, requested that Mr. Foligno chair the commission, Ms. Yawhak is ok with this and will add people if necessary.

Activities Instructor is out ill. A fill-in is being sought. Members request the program increase to 3 xs per week.

Checks for the Newsletter advertisements and renewals renewals are being received and deposited.

November – lite schedule, lots of center activities, Toys 4 Tots, and Thanksgiving preparations, discussion on Toys 4 Tots. Discussion if Senior Commission should sponsor some gift cards, yes. Senior wish list Jenn, Social Services, clothes, heaters, etc., Walmart Gift Cards or donate used portion of gift cards, give to Social Services. A request for unused gift cards should be added to the Newsletter

New Nurse has increased health seminars

Smile a While Holiday Party – No sign up

Winter Season – Shelter needs volunteers to warm up soup

Old Business

Annual Report

Two grants for kitchen – Lynn Arnow shared overview on the two grants Trumbull will apply for to renovate Senior Center kitchen, 20K and 150K. A discussion continued and Mrs. DeZenzo suggested that because the Center is used by the Town for a shelter it is imperative that we work as quickly as possible. Mrs. Foligno also agreed with the importance of working to complete this project. Mrs. Arnow stated that there will be a committee working on the project.

Health Fair – Success/Suggestions – Future: Floor plan for vendors, provide wraps, water and lunch for vendors, it was difficult having dentist in lobby, too congested and busy. Send thank you notes to vendors (Gail will do this). Ms. Yawhak thanked all the volunteers and Ms. Ferreira. A suggestion was made to have name tags available for Commissioners to wear at events. She stated she would be making the name tags.

Senior Brochure – Change term limits from 4 years to 2 years. Suggesting adding something to the By-Laws, Attendance issues for some commissioners. Mrs. Arnow explained that the Commission must follow the Connecticut General Statute guidelines on the appointment terms. The First Selectman is responsible for appointing Commissioners to the Boards.

Senior Trips – Tough, limited interest in the winter. Seniors appreciate the information that Mr. DeZenzo supplies for the senior trips. The Newsletter will contain information concerning trips.

New Business

Senior Commission Holiday Luncheon – Mrs. DeZenzo is organizing, Tuesday is best day for luncheon.

Trumbull Senior Commission Memorial Plaque – Ms. Merritt has requested the names for this year. Discussion if any recently deceased members of the Senior group that should be recognized. It is not necessary that someone be nominated each year. It was also suggested that we add to the next newsletter a request for nominations.

Next meeting is November 21, 2014

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mrs. Chiota, seconded by Mr. Foligno, and to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Lynn Arnow

These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the next meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission.