

**Town of Brookfield  
Commission on Aging  
Meeting Minutes 01/04/17**

Regular Monthly Meeting January 4, 2017  
Betsy called the meeting to order at 12:02

PRESENT - Kevin, Emily, Betsy, Carol, Ellen, Sue B., Sue S., Joanne, Lorraine, Elaine, Rich Satuga, guest. The minutes were accepted as presented.

**SENIOR CENTER**

Ellen needs to submit her budget to the town next week. COA will be included and the budgeted amount of \$1,000 will remain the same. AARP tax preparation begins in February. New trips are being proposed.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Amy Diezemann did an outstanding job of organizing the holiday giving programs. More than seventy-five children's holidays were happier because of Amy and the generous volunteers who participated. Lorraine is working on a letter to our regular clients explaining the programs we offer and what we can and cannot do. These programs encourage regular use and are not just for emergencies. She shared the good news about the United Way's Giving Fund designed for low income working families, some of whom may be underemployed, who are unable to meet their regular bills. Three single, Brookfield mothers with children qualified. Each received \$5,400 which allowed them to catch up with their regular bills.

**BROOKS QUARRY**

Joanne reported on the resident's informational meeting and the proposal made by the Housing Authority to hire a management company. Despite some opposition, the Board voted to hire DeMarco Management Company. Gerry will continue working in the office. Sewers are complete. Residents are encouraged to call the police if they notice wild animals on the premises. Due to a relocation, Connie is resigning from the Brookfield Housing Authority. We thank her for keeping the Commission informed of the activities going on at the Quarry.

**FISH**

The program continues to be a success. New drivers are always welcome. Carol will train, Judy Morse, who has volunteered to help schedule drivers.

**RESOURCE GUIDE**

The spacing has been corrected. We decided 650 copies of the Guide would be printed in black and white in order to reduce the cost. It will be included in the Senior Center's newsletter with additional copies being delivered to the Brookfield Library.

**APRIL SEMINAR**

All three speakers have agreed to participate and will submit a brief biography to be included in the advertising. Sue Balla will bring to the February meeting a proposed advertisement, budget, schedule and agenda. Elaine volunteered to donate coffee, juice and cookies. The seminar will be at the Senior Center on Saturday, April 29 from 1-3.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

With the pending resignation of Marilyn Wilkes, Susan Balla will replace her as a regular Commissioner. That currently leaves us with two alternate positions open. Anyone seeking to join the Commission must live in Brookfield and be a registered voter. Elaine expressed an interest in helping to develop a friendly visitor program for homebound Brookfield seniors, something we all agreed is needed. We will discuss this at a future meeting along with the possibility of a Job Bank which Ellen suggested. Kevin will check to see if our March 1 meeting can be held at Newbury Village.

Meeting notes submitted by Carol Howe