

**COMMISSION ON AGING  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 1, 2017**

Regular Monthly Meeting February 1, 2017 Betsy called the meeting to order at 12:05

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

**SENIOR CENTER**

Ellen reminded us that AARP tax preparation begins Friday, February 3. Sign up is required by contacting the Senior Center; Brookfield seniors will be given first priority. Brooks Quarry residents must come in for an appointment. Line dancing is proving to be a popular program as is the Functional Strength and Balance class.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

Lorraine continues to accept energy assistance applications for heat or utility. It is time to file for tax relief. These and other good programs help people stay in Brookfield. A United Way grant for \$5,000 has been received for families with children who would like to participate in after school programs such as music, sports, tutoring and the like.

**FISH**

With Carol's pending resignation, the organization is looking for a third scheduler. Judi Morse will begin scheduling drivers in March. It is best to have three schedulers who rotate on a monthly basis. We will advise schedulers to ask clients if they can safely navigate from their home to the car with little or no assistance. For safety and liability, drivers can only assist clients. This means that some clients may need to have an aide with them in order to benefit from the FISH program.

**RESOURCE GUIDE**

A change in a phone number was made on the draft copy. The guide is to be printed soon and will be included in the Senior Center's newsletter and distributed to the Brookfield Library.

**APRIL SEMINAR**

Sue B. shared the program and poster advertising the seminar with the commissioners. Some slight improvements were suggested. The final copy will be approved at the March meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Commission on Aging is in need of another alternate.

Sue S. is thinking of starting a volunteer service. From time to time Peter Brady periodically lists people who are willing to work. In the future a job bank might be considered as well.

Elaine will be checking with a few people she knows to see if they might be interested in participating in a Friendly Visitor Program.

Carol agreed to head the Nominating Committee.

Kevin has made arrangements for our next COA meeting to be held at Newbury Village 12-1. He will supply refreshments. That meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 1 at 12 noon.

Betsy adjourned the meeting at 1PM.

Meeting notes submitted by Carol Howe