

COMMISSION ON AGING
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2017

Regular Monthly Meeting March 1, 2017

Newbury Village, 12 noon, Brookfield, CT Betsy called the meeting to order by introducing Commissioners to residents from Newbury Village and telling them about the Commission's mission.

PRESENT: Kevin, Emily, Sue B. Betsy, Carol, Sue S., Ellen

The minutes were accepted as presented.

SENIOR CENTER/SOCIAL SERVICES

Ellen explained some of the programs offered at the Center. She said they are always looking for new ideas. The AARP free tax preparation assistance is available through Friday, April 7 for low and middle income Brookfield taxpayers. Sign up is required. A Small Cities grant provides assistance to those who qualify by offering interest-free-deferred payment loans for home improvements such as window and roof replacement, failed septic systems and handicap accessibility. The goal is to keep people safe and comfortable in their own home. Lorraine Kelley, Social Services Coordinator, can provide additional information as can the Center's Newsletter. On Thursday afternoons in March a local high school student is offering his time to help people with their iPad, Kindle, cell phone and the like. Sign up with the receptionist at the front desk of the Senior Center is required. The 9th Annual Brookfield Film Festival is being held at the Senior Center March 31-April 2. Detailed information can be found in the Center's Newsletter. New clients continue to visit the food pantry and participate in the holiday programs. There has been an increase in the number of single mothers with children seeking assistance.

FISH

We have twenty volunteers willing to drive seniors and disabled residents to and from medical appointments. New drivers are always welcome. We are looking for an additional person to help schedule rides.

RESOURCE GUIDE

The guide will be available soon. It will be a directory of frequently needed phone numbers and services.

APRIL SEMINAR

The Commission on Aging is offering the seminar to veterans and other interested people on April 29 from 1:00-3:00 at the Senior Center. Guest speakers will be there to explain and answer questions related to veterans and the services available to them. Posters advertising the event will soon appear around town.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Commission is looking for new members and alternates. Future plans include the possibility of coordinating a Friendly Visitor program especially for seniors who live alone. The formal part of the meeting adjourned at 12:23. It was followed by a question and answer session. Commissioners and Newbury Village residents then mingled and enjoyed a lunch coordinated by Kevin and provided by Chick-fil-a.

Meeting notes submitted Carol Howe