

Commission on Aging
Minutes of Special Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2011

The Commission on Aging held a special meeting on Monday, September 26, 2011 at the Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT. Chairman Thomas Dwyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Thomas Dwyer, Karin Aurelia, James Bernardi, LeReine Frampton, Mary Ellen Lydem, Curt Symes, Sheila Torres and Anna Wiedemann.

Members Absent: Joan Plouffe.

Support & Advisory Present: Marilyn Place, Director of Senior Services; Ann Piccini, Municipal Agent for the Elderly, and Bob Sharpe of the Senior Action Committee.

The Commission welcomed Clarence (Larry) Schneider as an alternate member.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. No public was present.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. None noted.

MINUTES Upon motion of Mr. Symes, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 2011 and the special meeting of August 8, 2011 were unanimously accepted as presented other than Mrs. Frampton who voted "No" to both as she said that that was not what was said.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mrs. Aurelia distributed copies of the September 13, 2011 Commission on Aging Gift Fund which presently stands at \$22,710.63. (Attachment A to original minutes). Mrs. Aurelia noted that the van has been purchased and the seniors enjoyed the Coach bus that transported them to the picnic. Mr. Dwyer noted that he and Mrs. Aurelia checked with the Finance Director to determine that the expenditures and donations noted since 2009 were correct. Upon motion of Mrs. Frampton, the Treasurer's Reports dated September 13, 2011 and June 20, 2011 (the latter of which was not previously approved) were unanimously accepted as presented. Mr. Symes will check with the Finance Director concerning establishing a program to acquire donations; Mrs. Lydem noted that we are a government agency and that we may have to account for all donations. Mrs. Place noted that not all senior centers are funded partially by municipalities as we are.

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT (Attachment B to original minutes included May through September, 2011). There will be a flu shot clinic here every Tuesday in October. Christmas party will be December 13 at Cappelaro's Grove.

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY REPORT. (Attachment C to original minutes).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New Senior Center Van. As noted in the Treasurer's Report, the van has been purchased.

New Senior Center. No discussion.

Senior Directory. Report by Anna Wiedemann. She will work with Mrs. Place and should have a draft by November or December for the Commission to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Elderly Services Strategic Plan. Proposal by Anna Wiedemann. Mrs. Wiedemann distributed Southbury's "Elderly Services Strategic Plan 2010-2015" which she would like to discuss at next month's meeting. She said that the Southbury Senior Center received a grant for \$43,000 last year for programs that were held in the evening that were very well attended. She suggested that our Senior Center look into such grants. Mrs. Place will contact the Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personnel to find out what grants may be available. She noted that one of her goals is to have programs here in the evenings.

Discussion of Sheila Torres's August 17th email to the Commissioners. Mrs. Torres distributed an outline of her discussion points. Mr. Dwyer will distribute the bylaws at the next meeting as some members do not have them. Mrs. Place suggested an open house for the seniors in the community to meet the Commission on Aging or perhaps to conduct a survey. The discussion of Ms. Torres points will be continued at the next meeting.

Appointment of committee to nominate COA officers for 2012. Mrs. Wiedemann, Mrs. Frampton and Mr. Bernardi will be the Nominating Committee.

ADJOURNMENT. Upon motion of Mrs. Wiedemann, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Ann M. Mazur, Clerk