

**Commission on Aging  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 20, 2013 @ 5:00 pm**

MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging held a regular meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013 at the Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, Connecticut.

Chairman Curt Symes called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**Members Present:** JoAnne Albanesi, Karin Aurelia, Joanne Davis, LeReine Frampton, Mary Ellen Lydem, Anne Rothstein, Larry Schneider, Curt Symes (Chair), Sheila Torres; **Member Excused:** Margaret Imbro and Joan Plouffe; **Support & Advisory Present:** Marilyn Place, Director of Senior Services; Ann Piccini, Municipal Agent for the Elderly; Maryhelen McCarthy, Police Officer, Newtown Police Department & TRIAD Representative.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mr. Symes said that Pat Llodra had recognized Ann Piccini in the Newtown Bee for 25 years of service in the Municipal Agent’s role. He also said that next year Marilyn Place will celebrate 25 years of service.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Ms. Albanesi motioned to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2013 Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Aurelia. The minutes were approved as written.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** – Mr. Symes discussed his Chairman’s Report (Attachment A) dated 5/20/13. He noted the specific, defined roles of the Commission on Aging and the Senior Center regarding a focus on all Seniors in Newtown and not just the Senior Center. He felt the combined responsibility is to reach out to all the seniors in Newtown. Mr. Symes was happy that the First Selectman visited the Senior Center. Ms. Place said the visit was great and that Ms. Llodra explained the budget to the seniors in a very effective way.

Mr. Symes discussed the financial difficulties for seniors and said officials are working on making Newtown more senior friendly, looking into offering other senior discounts along with the senior tax credit. Ms. Frampton said there was negative talk on Facebook about the Town spending money in the budget that wasn’t approved by voters. One item in particular was the senior tax credit. She feels the seniors need this tax credit as well as other discounts. She asked if there was something the commission can do to help. Mr. Symes said that in reviewing other town tax credits, Newtown seems to be around the “middle of the road” or lower in their tax credit program. Other towns are more generous.

Ms. Place felt Newtown needs more senior housing. She was impressed with Wilton’s senior housing program. Mr. Symes said this is a hot topic and that he plans to meet with town clergy to discuss this. The commissioners then discussed the need for patio furniture. It was determined that the furniture should be of good quality but that it should not be too heavy. The group also discussed looking into a grant for a Sunsetter awning for the patio.

The commissioners asked that the newsletters be mailed to the commission members. Ms. Place said the newsletter is on-line but that she will add them to the mailing list. Ms. Torres motioned to have the newsletters sent to all commissioners. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Symes asked what the policy is when there is a possible case of elder abuse. Ms. Place, Ms. Paccini and Officer McCarthy explained how they work in conjunction with one another. Officer McCarthy said most calls received by the Police Department that pertains to seniors involve driving issues, elder abuse and fraud. She explained the investigation tactics the Police use and how they work with the Municipal Agent and Social Services, etc. It was noted that education on this subject is important.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (Attachment B to the original minutes) – Ms. Aurelia distributed and reviewed the Finance Department's statement showing that the balance in the Commission on Aging Gift Fund as \$37,060.49.

Mr. Symes asked if there was any thought given to recognize John Aurelia's years of contribution to the Senior Center. Ms. Aurelia said he was very involved with the center over many years and that he would have liked donated funds used for its benefit. She then said that the donations done in his memory should be used to buy the patio furniture. Mr. Symes said a plaque should be placed somewhere in his honor. Everyone thought it was a great idea. Ms. Aurelia then motioned that the funds received in memory of her late husband, John Aurelia, be spent on a new patio set for the Senior Center. Ms. Torres seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Ms. Aurelia was thanked for the suggestion.

Ms. Davis asked about the codes on the treasurer's report and what they represent. Ms. Place said the codes are placed on there from the Finance Department.

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT** (Attachment C to the original minutes) – Ms. Place said all programs are running smoothly and discussed items in her report. In regards to the annual picnic, she felt after researching alternatives, the best value is still the statewide senior outing at Holiday Hill (scheduled for Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>).

In addition to the annual picnic, the commissioners discussed a separate event to reach out to more seniors in Newtown with the idea of a "Meet and Greet" that can be done as a picnic or a "Coffee and ...". Mr. Symes said this should be followed up on.

**MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY REPORT** (Attachment D to the original minutes) – Mr. Symes again recognized Ms. Piccini on her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ms. Piccini then reviewed her report providing details on each item.

**NEWTOWN POLICE DEPT AND TRIAD REPRESENTATIVE** – Officer McCarthy will be attending a health fair at Nunnawauk on Thursday. Beginning on May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup> the Police will be focused on seatbelt safety and use.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Finance and Legal Team** – Ms. Davis said the team has been working together with a goal to look for potential donors. They feel there is some preparatory work to be done, including developing a narrative and gathering statistics to present to potential donors geared specifically for items on the wish list. Mr. Symes said Betsy Paynter, the Economic Development Coordinator, may be a good source to get some information.

**Community Relations and Outreach Team** – Ms. Torres discussed demographic data that the team has gathered to help with gathering information on seniors in town and for researching grants. New materials have been purchased for the traveling exhibit. The members discussed possible color schemes with the general consensus that bright colors should be used. They are meeting again on June 3rd.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Funding of Senior Resources Guide & Commission on Aging Documents** – Mr. Symes discussed plans for a final review of the Resource Guide and potential funding options. An initial distribution of 500 copies would allow for easy update and revision. The cost will be approximately \$300. A local business, Image One, has been contacted about the printing. Ms. Lydem will look into contacting the Lion’s Club regarding funding. The first run will be a beta copy where they will be sent out to the members of the Senior Center, contacts that Ms. Paccini may have, officials in Town, Town Clerk’s office, the Police, and Library. Feedback will then be gathered for a revised and expanded distribution later in the year.

Ms. Place discussed the Hart Bus’ Guide to Ride booklet that had a sponsor for the printing. Ms. Frampton asked if there have been any issues with the Hart Bus, that there was a special needs student that was on the bus for over an hour. She feels there have been some difficulties in the last couple of months. Ms. Place said that any problems that arise are usually addressed right away.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Ms. Albanesi motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Frampton. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tammy Hazen, Clerk

**Newtown Commission on Aging (CoA) - Chair's Report - 5/20/13 Meeting:**

(Ntn. CoA Chair's Report 52013.doc)

At the April 15 CoA Meeting there was considerable discussion about the role of the CoA by the Senior Center Director. In response to the questions raised I have now personally reviewed all relevant Newtown documentation, as well as, State of CT CoA documentation, and met with First Selectman Pat Llodra and various other members of Newtown functions to fully understand their expectations of the CoA. The Roles & Responsibilities of the CoA are fully defined and outlined in the Town Ordinance (No. 52 adopted 7-18-1979) and related Senior Services Director and Municipal Agent documents (all 3 attached). The CoA is responsible for focusing on the needs of all Seniors in Newtown (about 5,000+) and not just the Senior Center constituency (about 360) which is about 7.2%.

Therefore, the CoA will continue to focus on and undertake initiatives, as well as, develop programs that have broader appeal and visibility to the total Senior population. One such initiative is the Senior Resources Guide which is undergoing final QA Review in preparation for publication in May with the celebration of Older Americans Month.

Also, the CoA is in contact with surrounding town CoAs exploring their interest in and the opportunity to host a CoA Summit Meeting later this year. This meeting would focus on sharing information and best practices ideas about meeting Senior needs.

In support of the Senior Center Director there have now been numerous calls and meetings with the Public Works Dept. to focus attention on remaining maintenance items. Closure was also reached on the disposition of the unaccounted for Outdoor Furniture from last year.

In a continuing effort to maintain awareness of and focus on both the space needs and array of services provided to Seniors in Newtown, the CoA is requesting that all Commissioners receive the Senior Center Newsletter. This will enable them to be more effective in the pursuit of work on Grants, Planned Giving, Community Relations & Outreach, as well as, potential Fee Policies that have been discussed by the Senior Center over the years.

In conclusion, with the current pressures on today's society Elder Abuse is now being reported at greater levels and innovative programs are being sought nationally to address.

We will continue to report both Newtown and local, relevant Senior information to the CoA, as well as, pertinent State of CT and National Aging/Senior events.

*Town of Newtown, CT  
Thursday, September 20, 2012*

### **Article III. Commission on Aging**

[Adopted by the Legislative Council 7-18-1979 (Ord. No 52); amended 6-18-1988; 1-21-1995; 10-16-2002]

#### **§ 20-13. Establishment; membership; terms of office.**

A Commission on Aging is hereby established for the Town of Newtown. Said Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the First Selectman with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. The term of office shall be three years, with the initial appointments staggered so that the terms of three such members shall expire October 1, 1975, three on October 1, 1976, and three on October 1, 1977. No person shall be appointed to more than three consecutive full three-year terms nor appointed to fill a vacancy occurring within one year after the termination of the third term.

#### **§ 20-14. Alternate members.**

- A. There shall be three alternate members of the Commission, who shall be appointed by the First Selectman with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for terms of two years beginning January 1 of the even year and terminating on December 31 of the odd year. No more than two alternates may be of the same political party.
- B. If a regular member of the Commission is absent, the Chairman of the Commission shall designate an alternate to act in the absent member's place, choosing alternates in rotation so that they shall act as nearly equal a number of times as possible.

#### **§ 20-15. Powers and duties.**

The Commission on Aging shall have all the powers of Commissions on Aging set forth in the General Statutes of Connecticut, including, without limitation, the power to:

- A. Study the needs of elderly and aging persons in Newtown;
- B. Coordinate programs for the elderly and aging in Newtown;
- C. Make applications for grants to state and federal governmental agencies, with a letter of notification to the Board of Selectmen and Legislative Council;
- D. Prepare written opinions on the merits of programs for which grants are proposed in accordance with state law; and

[Amended 8-22-2007 by Ord. No. 90]

- E. Act as agent for other federal, state or Town boards, commissions or agencies or local private groups to carry out programs for the elderly and aging in Newtown as from time to time are specifically authorized by such boards, commissions and agencies, and groups.

#### **§ 20-16. Focus of Commission.**

In exercising its powers and carrying out its duties, the Commission on Aging shall place primary (but not necessarily exclusive) emphasis on the needs of persons 50 years or older.

**§ 20-17. Member compensation; expenses.**

Members of the Commission shall serve without pay. Necessary expenses of members incurred in the performance of their duties may be paid from funds appropriated for such purpose, if any.

**§ 20-18. Gift fund account.**

[Amended 10-7-2009]Funds available to the Commission on Aging from a specific gift or bequest shall be placed in the custody of the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown and shall be kept by the Financial Director in the fund, which fund shall be known as the "Newtown Commission on Aging Fund," and shall be kept separate and distinct from all other Town funds. Gifts or bequests may be identified for a specific use. Disbursements from the Newtown Commission on Aging Fund shall be made on order of the Commission on Aging only and upon a majority vote of the Commission members, not fewer than four affirmative votes, and, if specified for special use, in accordance with the terms of the specific gift or bequest. With proper documentation, all checks drawn on the fund shall be signed by the First Selectman and by the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown. The funds referred to herein are for the exclusive use of the Commission on Aging and shall not be used by the Town of Newtown for any purpose other than as authorized by the Commission on Aging.

**Town of Newtown  
Senior Center  
Senior Services Director**

**General Statement of Duties:**

The Senior Services Director plans and implements a comprehensive program of activities and services to promote the continuing development and the social and emotional adjustments of older persons. Works closely with the Municipal Agent for the Elderly and the Social Services Director.

**Supervision Received:**

Works under the administrative supervision of the First Selectman with the advisory support of the Commission on Aging.

**Supervision Exercised:**

Supervises lower level clerical employees

**Examples of Duties:**

- Responsible for daily operations and management of the Senior Center
- Plans, develops, directs and supervises all program activities for the elderly in the Center and emanating from the Center
- Coordinates program budgets, bookkeeping and Center's general operations with the Commission on Aging
- Serves as liaison and senior citizen advocate to local, state and regional agencies and the public at large.
- Performs other related duties as directed.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Strong organizational, supervisory, and public relations skills; ability in written and oral expression; knowledge of group dynamics; an interest and understanding of individual physical, social and emotional growth.

**Experience and Training:**

College degree with emphasis on sociology and/or gerontology or five years employment in group work in the area of sociology and/or gerontology or a related field of which two years must have been in administrative, supervisory or consultative capacity.

## Municipal Agent

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:**

This position provides benefits, counseling, resource information and referral services to the elderly and disabled population. Responsible for providing ongoing Outreach and direct service activities with senior citizens. Assists in administration of all financial entitlements for the elderly and disabled.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the direct supervision of the Director of Social Services and the general supervision of the Commission on Aging,

Duties shall include but not be limited to:

- Provides comprehensive outreach services for elderly and disabled.
- Coordinates services for elderly and disabled; home care services, transportation and entitlements.
- Takes applications for rent relief, tax relief, medical and financial entitlements and energy assistance.
- May attend training sessions held by the State Department of Social Service, Elderly Service Division and other agencies to maintain certification and awareness of available resources.
- Disseminates information about services and benefits available to assist the elderly and disabled using existing local media.
- Attends the Newtown Commission on Aging monthly meeting.
- Performs other job duties as requested by the Director.
- Serves on local and regional boards and teams related to service delivery and planning.
- Works with Senior Center Coordinator to provide ongoing evaluation of transportation services (Sweet Hart Bus).

### **Education and Experience:**

B.S. Degree in Social Work, Counseling or related course of study. 2-3 years experience in the field of gerontology, social services or related area. Experience with Federal, State and community resources available to the elderly preferred. Must have working knowledge of entitlement programs and Social Service delivery systems.

9/9/99

Statute  
7.127B



COMMISSION ON AGING GIFT FUND						
DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	C/R	C/D	FRANK KNOTTS TRUST FUND	BALANCE	
7/1/12	Beginning Balance				29,771.88	
7/1/12	Reverse Accts. Payable		253.52		30,025.40	
7/15/12	P-card		(253.52)		29,771.88	
7/23/12	Trust Distribution			546.13	30,318.01	
8/9/12	Ck. #77443 Holiday Hill		(280.00)		30,038.01	
8/9/12	Ck. #77432 Getaway Tours		(660.00)		29,378.01	
8/9/12	Ck. #77486 Marilyn Place - Driver tip		(60.00)		29,318.01	
8/3/12	C/R - Donation - C. Bistany	12.00			29,330.01	
8/14/12	Donation - Newtown Jr. Women's Club	50.00			29,380.01	
9/27/12	Cash Receipts	552.00			29,932.01	
10/4/12	Ck. #78314 Sheila Torres		(97.25)		29,834.76	
10/4/12	Ck. #78229 Elite Marketing		(790.00)		29,044.76	
10/19/12	Trust Distribution			546.13	29,590.89	
11/16/12	Cash Receipts	2,881.10			32,471.99	
11/28/12	Cash Receipts	1,365.00			33,836.99	
12/7/12	Ck. #79248 Vinnie Carr - entertainment		(450.00)		33,386.99	
12/7/12	Ck. #79246 Capellaro's		(525.00)		32,861.99	
12/7/12	Ck. #79247 Capellaro's		(1,000.00)		31,861.99	
12/18/12	J-39 Cash Receipts	1,045.00			32,906.99	
12/27/12	J-57 Cash Receipts	2,525.00			35,431.99	
1/9/13	J-56 Cash Receipts	60.00			35,491.99	
1/23/13	Trust Distribution			579.25	36,071.24	
1/29/13	J-153 Cash Receipts	100.00			36,171.24	
2/6/13	J-21 Cash Receipts	10.00			36,181.24	
3/25/13	J-78 Cash Receipts	300.00			36,481.24	
4/23/13	Trust Distribution			579.25	37,060.49	

**NEWTOWN SENIOR CENTER**  
**Director of Senior Services**  
**April 16, 2013 – May 17, 2013**

- Confer w/ police officer on senior issues
- Confer and update menus w/ meal site staff and S & W resources
- Meet /interview various entertainers for special programming
- Facilitate special craft classes
- Oversee all programming
- Program Shop
- Supervise trips
- Continue to plan excursions utilizing the senior van
- Confer w/ teachers on space issues
- Confer with RSVP on ongoing volunteer hours
- Continue community projects
- Facilitate quilting/sewing classes weekly
- Facilitate Current Events/Hot Topics weekly
- Meet and greet new members
- Continue to assess the needs of the clients/members
- Continue to plan new programs for 2013
- Network w/ local agencies
- Work on Newsletter
- Continue to confer w/ a variety of Tour companies for 2013 trips
- Continue new reading program w/ Children's Adventure Center
- Confer w/ local pharmacy on scheduling info topics periodically
- Organize/set-up speakers for April-May-June
- Prepare/organize/facilitate Annual Mother's Day Tea

**COMPLETED TRIPS:**

- Woodloch Pines " A Day in Tuscany" April 17
- It's All About The 50's @ Stone House in Guilford, CT May 9

**UPCOMING TRIPS:**

- Westchester Broadway dinner Theatre " Guys and Dolls" rescheduled date May 30
- Mohegan Sun May 23
- Strawberries, Chocolate, Wine...and Mystere sightseeing cruise June 5
- The Colors of Summer June 27
- Boston Pops @ Tanglewoods w/ Vince Gill July 7

**OVERNIGHT TRIPS:**

- Trans Atlantic Cruise (London/France/Ireland/Iceland/Faroe Island/Boston)  
August 30-Sept 15-17 days on the Brilliance of the Seas
- American Queen Steamboat Jazz River Cruise "High Society" Oct 25-Nov 2

**COMPLETED SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- Alzheimer's training courses for family caregivers
- Hat Day
- Independent Living Day
- Mother's Day Tea
- Wheel of Fortune w/ HomeInstead Senior Care
- Afternoon of music w/ The Silvertones
- Price is right w/ Visiting Angels
- Bingo w/ Linda from Regional Hospice

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Current Events / Hot Topics .....Every Tuesday
- Price is Right w/ Tracy @ Visiting Angels ..... May 15
- Free Hearing Screening w/ Ct Hearing Comm. Service..... June 12
- Investment Fraud w/ Home Care Advantage w/ BBB..... June 13

Programs                      Number of Attendees

Zumba Gold .....	33
Exercise.....	300
Floor Yoga (2 days) .....	46
Chair Yoga (2 day).....	53
Cards .....	42
Mah Jongg.....	12
Chorus .....	14
Bingo .....	42
Lunch.....	112
Knitting .....	18
Cards for Troops.....	6
Iris Fold.....	8
Quilting .....	6
Board Games .....	4
Walk-Ins.....	50
Billiards/ping pong.....	20
Trips .....	35
Newsletter .....	6
Wii.....	13
Painting/Art .....	15
Crafts .....	4
Scrabble .....	7
Tai Chi .....	19
Entertainment .....	50
AARP Safe Driving .....	
Ballroom Line dance .....	22
Current Events .....	13
Spanish Lessons .....	14
Reading CAC.....	7
Speakers .....	
Annual Tea .....	40
Special Luncheon .....	

Attendance Daily:

Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday
247	134	255	159	224

Monthly Attendance: 1,019

This month has been a whirlwind!

Spring is finally here, a lot of activity and I'm still short staffed. Aida and I have been very busy sharing the front desk etc. We are always juggling to cover the office all the time. Also, with that, it is the time to plan vacations. Aida actually is on hers for 2 weeks now. We are managing while utilizing our volunteers when needed. I'm usually on the floor inter-acting w/the clients, setting up for a class, facilitating a class, at the front desk, giving tours, meetings, etc....late in the day I'm at my desk/computer, so if I don't get back to you right away it's because I'm super busy. Never a dull moment, but this keeps us on our toes!

I tried a different layout for the Newsletter and the response was great! By changing things up a bit, many are really reading it and commented on the programming and how much they enjoy it.

The Spanish lessons will continue into its 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks sessions. This class is very popular and the members enjoy Louise Zierow very much as the teacher.

The Annual Mother's Day Tea and Bingo was fantastic. Every year it gets better and better. There were over 40 women who participated. Many dressed up their hats w/ feathers, ribbon, flowers, beads, etc. it was spectacular to see.

This year I purchased a variety of petit fours, made cucumber sandwiches, mini sausage rolls, shortbread fingers, scones, strawberries dipped in chocolate etc. A variety of teas w/ china tea cups all set on white linen w/ shades of purple tablecloths and flowers on each table. It was a festive and enjoyable day for all.

Our First Selectman Pat Llodra and John Reed visited the Center May 8 and spent a lengthy time discussing the budget to a large # of members before exercise class. It was most informative to them and welcomed most positively. All said after they were so impressed that Pat took time out to talk to them. And after they left they had a better understanding of the budget.

Special programs this month were sponsored by:

1. Newtown Pharmacy (Bingo)
2. Regional Hospice and Home Care of Western Ct (Bingo)
3. HomeInstead Senior Care (Wheel of Fortune)
4. Visiting Angels (Price is Right)
5. Musical entertainment (The Silvertones)

A great Spring variety and well received.

Comparing prices at Capellaro's (as per discussion last meeting) for annual picnic, the best value is still at Holiday Hill @ \$29 pp . The statewide senior outing is schedule for Monday, August 19.

I've attached a letter I sent to Head Maintainer of the SC. To continue a paper trail of various discussion I've(we've) had.

Now that it is Spring and warmer, classes and participation is in full swing. Many seem a lot happier, less depressed with more energy and a need to keep busy and active.

All are in delight w/ the options they have w/ the variety of health and fitness classes and upcoming trips and entertainment.

Marilyn



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MARILYN PLACE  
DIRECTOR of SENIOR SERVICES

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN SENIOR CENTER

Date: May 8, 2013  
To: Bob McCulloch, Head Maintainer of SC  
From: Marilyn Place, Director  
Re: Senior Center

As per our many conversations I would like to update a list of items to be looked at and/or completed here at the Senior Center .

1. We have no hot water in the new addition sink area
2. The new addition A/C is making a lot of noise, not sure if you are aware of this
3. Repaint the flower boxes and benches in the front
4. There were 2 benches in the back, if they could go back on the patio and painted
5. The patio needs to be weeded and cleaned up for us
6. Repair water damage in the coat room ceiling
7. Repair water damage above couch in main room
8. Paint the coat room/bathroom area
9. Paint both men's and women's bathrooms
10. Paint Aida's office
11. Paint my office esp. where the wall was repaired this winter
12. Enclose reception area w/ a receptionist partition w/ counter
13. Vents to be cleaned
14. New counter and cabinet in main room
15. To have a new updated sign at the entrance for the Senior Center
16. Have the holes filled in parking lot or paved

One of my main concerns has been the main room A/C whereas every year we have the water overflow and water damage with mold. As of today, it still has a damp moldy smell esp when the A/C goes on. Recently you stated that the A/C was fixed, that a tray was installed. When was that done? Any questions, I'm available anytime. With your assistance these are some of the things I would like to have done to enhance the appearance of the Senior Center.

Thank-you.

## Director of Social Services / Municipal Agent for the Elderly Report for May 20, 2013

We finished with fuel on May 15<sup>th</sup> which the last month was only for emergency electric with a shut off notice. The last week we had five applicants. We have completed a total of 276 fuel assistance applications as of today. One hundred forty four were for seniors and fifty one for disabled.

I have been allocated \$3000.00 for Operation Fuels summer program. This is only for electric. I have already used over \$2000 and then I will not be able to help with fuel till November 2013. Operation Fuel is a nonprofit and they will not be giving any other funds till the winter program.

On Saturday 5/11/13 we had The Postal Food Drive. We received a lot of food and it has taken all week to sort and look at expiration dates. I have approximately 18 seniors and 37 families which totals approximately 68 people this month.

This last month has been busy for me because I had a sixty-five year old who was homeless after his home was foreclosed on due to non payment of taxes for eight years. I had him stay at a hotel in Danbury for a week and he was so taken as to how beautiful it was and he had TV. He told me he hasn't watched TV in four years. I don't think he ever stayed in a hotel. He is in a new small apartment and he seems to like it. I purchased a new bed and dishes at Goodwill and I had a new comforter and sheets that someone donated. He still needs a pillow, towels, shower curtain and bath mat. Everything he has is ancient from his parents.

I have started taking Renter Rebate applications for the elderly and totally disabled. This is a State of Connecticut application for renters that are low income. They receive a check in November for the calculation of their income and expenses of rent and fuel for the year 2012. They have to have lived in Connecticut for the year 2012. I need proof of all income and expenses.

I completed nine Medicaid applications and thirteen redeterminations for Medicare Savings application.

**MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM** is now the name for QMB which pays for the supplemental insurance with the state but the doctor has to be a state provider. QMB and SLMB and ALMB pay for the Part B \$104.90 and the Part D for Prescriptions which is deducted from Social Security checks each month. They get extra help for their medications. This means that they pay only \$2.65 to \$6.60 per medication.

# Renters

## 2012 Benefit Year

**Filing period May 1 - September 13, 2013**

**Qualifying income for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program applications to be filed in the year 2013.**

Income		Maximum Credit Married/ Single		Minimum Credit Married/Single	
\$ -0-	\$16,700	\$1000	\$1000	\$400	\$350
16,700	22,500	1000	750	350	250
22,500	28,100	750	500	250	150
28,100	33,500	500	250	150	150
33,500	39,900	250	-0-	150	-0-

**You will need to show proof of all income:**

Social Security, Pension, Retirement, IRA, Annuities, Stocks, Dividends, Interest, Work W-2, Rental Income. If you completed an income tax return for the year 2012, I will need to copy your return. All 1099's.

**RENT:** Proof of what you paid January thru December 2012.

**UTILITIES:** Proof of what you paid January thru December 2012 for electric, propane, oil or kerosene.

I am at Nunnawauk Meadows Tues and Thurs from 12:15 to 2 pm. Newtown Social Service Office Monday to Friday 9 – 4 PM

## Extra Help Program Income and Asset Limits 2013

### If you have Medicare and Medicaid and/or a Medicare Savings Program

You are enrolled in...	And your income is...	Then you get...	Your 2013 copays are...
Medicaid	Up to \$958 (\$1,293 for couples) per month in 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Full Extra Help \$0 premium and deductible <sup>2</sup>	\$1.15 generic copay \$3.50 brand-name copay No copay after \$6,733.75 in total drug costs
Medicaid and/or the Medicare Savings Program	Above \$958 (\$1,293 for couples) per month in 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Full Extra Help \$0 premium and deductible <sup>2</sup>	\$2.65 generic copay \$6.60 brand-name copay No copay after \$6,733.75 in total drug costs

### If you have Medicare only

And your income is...	And your assets are...	Then you can get...	Your 2013 copays are...
Up to \$1,293 (\$1,745 for couples) per month in 2013 <sup>1</sup>	Up to \$8,580 (\$13,620 for couples) in 2013 <sup>3</sup>	Full Extra Help \$0 premium and deductible <sup>2</sup>	\$2.65 generic copay \$6.60 brand-name copay No copay after \$6,733.75 in total drug costs
Below \$1,436 (\$1,939 for couples) per month in 2013 <sup>1</sup> • And your income and/or assets are above Full Extra Help limits	Up to \$13,300 (\$26,580 for couples) in 2013 <sup>3</sup> • And your income and/or assets are above Full Extra Help limits	Partial Extra Help Premium depends on your income \$66 deductible or the plan's standard deductible, whichever is cheaper	15% coinsurance or the plan copay, whichever is less After \$6,733.75 in total drug costs, you pay \$2.65/generic and \$6.60/brand-name or 5% of the drug cost, whichever is greater

**Note:** Income and asset limits on this chart are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. There's also a \$20 income disregard (not factored into the income limits above) that the Social Security Administration automatically subtracts from your monthly unearned income.

<sup>1</sup>Income limits are based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which changes every year in February or March. Limits are higher for each additional relative living with you for whom you are responsible.

<sup>2</sup>You pay no premium if you have Full Extra Help and a basic Part D drug plan with a premium at or below the Extra Help premium limit for your area.

<sup>3</sup>Asset limits include \$1,500 per person for burial expenses.