

**COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2011**

STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COMMUNITY ROOM

The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on October 5, 2011 in the Human Services Building Community Room. Members present were: Maryann Bessette, R.J. Connelly, III, Betty Croteau, Robert Elmer, Karen Hawthorn, and Lisa Ryan, Also attending: Carol Umphlett Agent For The Elderly, Stonington Human Services and June Strunk, Chair of the Board for PNC. Unable to attend: George Brennan, Stacy Cassata, Betty Henry, Toni Potter and Billie Ward.

Guests: Stonington High School Citizens in Action – 9 students.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Ryan at 4:03 p.m.

Minutes from the November meeting were presented. Motion to accept was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by R.J. Connelly. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report was not available and will be presented at January 2012 meeting.

Carol Umphlett, Agent For the Elderly, Stonington Human Services reported that the last TRIAD Seminar was held at Stone Ridge. The seminar was on Identity Theft and Scams. 53 people attended. In January, discussions will begin on the seminar schedule for the new year. TRIAD is a national organization the partners with police departments, town businesses and seniors to educate them on scams, frauds, safety and legal and financial issues. The TRIAD convention was held in November and it was well attended and very informative. The convention brings together other TRIAD towns.

Lisa Ryan, legislative liaison for the Stonington COA, reported that there is no legislative news to share at this time. She stated that task forces have been formed and meetings held statewide after the hurricane and Nor'easter storm that caused downed trees and power outages. Emergency vehicles were unable to reach people during these storms not out of a manpower shortage but because there were so many downed trees to be cleared before the vehicles could get through.

June Strunk, Chair of the Board at Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center and liaison to the Commission on Aging, reported that in October 63 seniors were served for a total of 815 one way rides. 46 riders were from Pawcatuck; 3 from Stonington; 2 from Mystic; 4 from North Stonington; 8 from Westerly. June

also reported that 257 congregate lunches were served to 48 seniors. Approximately 35 seniors received 733 Meals on Wheels for the month of October (this includes hot meals, frozen weekend meals and cold supper meals).

June also reported that during the fiscal year 2010-2011, the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center's Transportation Program for Seniors provided 134 Seniors a total of 8,51 one way rides. 2,071 of those rides were for medical appointments.

Robert Elmer asked about the state of the local food lockers. This time of year the food pantrys are usually well stocked but historically the lean time is in February and March.

Correspondence:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

In January the Commission on Aging will vote on new officers. Robert Elmer nominated Maryann Bessette and Betty Croteau as the nominating committee. Lisa Ryan seconded. Motion carried. Maryann and Betty accepted.

Motion to adjourn at 4:35 pm made by Robert Elmer. Seconded by Betty Croteau. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Hawthorn
Secretary