

MINUTES

WATERTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING

FALLS AVENUE SENIOR CENTER
311 FALLS AVENUE, OAKVILLE, CT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 - 12:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Kathy Goulet
Melanie Flaherty
Loretta Lambert, Vice Chairman
Helen Lukowski
Coreine Peluso, Chairman
Wanda Witty

ABSENT: Joanne Murray
Kathleen Plunkett, Secretary
Cathleen Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Carew, Recreation Director
Darylle Willenbrock

OTHERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

1. Convene Regular Meeting - 12:00 P.M.

Ms. Peluso called the Meeting to Order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Peluso, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.

3. Correspondence

Ms. Carew reported a letter was received from the Watertown Foundation rejecting her grant request for computers and printers for the Computer Lab at the Senior Center. She will begin looking at different ways to upgrade the computer lab.

4. Public Participation

Ms. Carew introduced Rose-Ellen Theriault, who is also a board member of the Greater Waterbury Transit District.

Rose-Ellen Theriault, 21 Hazel Street, Oakville, CT 06779

Ms. Theriault discussed her role on the Board of the Greater Waterbury Transit District. A discussion ensued regarding the reinstatement of the Dial-A-Ride Program, beginning in October.

Walter Melkonian, 155 Plainfield Drive, Oakville, CT 06779

Mr. Melkonian reported he was asked to attend this meeting by Ms. Willenbrock, because there are normally no male guests.

5. Minutes

A. June 18, 2009 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: (Ms. Lambert, sec. Ms. Goulet) to approve the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2009 as presented.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Ms. Goulet, Ms. Flaherty, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Lukowski, Ms. Peluso

Opposed: None

Abstained: Ms. Witty

MOTION CARRIED (5-0-1)

B. July 13, 2009 – Regular Meeting (Cancelled)

No action required.

C. August 20, 2009 – Regular Meeting (Cancelled)

No action required.

6. Municipal Agent's Report

Ms. Willenbrock gave the following report:

- I was reappointed as Municipal Agent by the Town Council in August for a new term.
- We began energy assistance applications on Monday and will continue during the energy season which should run until next April, 2010. Wesson Oil is doing a program for \$75.00 – they will do a home energy assessment program and the usual amount for what they do is \$850.000, but they are being supplemented by a government stimulus package to make up the additional money. They are coming to the Center on October 21st at 9:0-0 a.m. to discuss questions regarding the program.
- Peter Moody will come on October 14th to discuss Medicare programs and supplements./
- Judge Calabrese will be at the Center on October 8th to discuss probate changes and clarify issues regarding what probate fees are affected by various programs. People have found out after paying large legal fees that what they thought was protected was not.
- To the best of our knowledge, all the State programs for this fiscal year remain in tact.

MOTION: (Ms. Flaherty, sec. Ms. Peluso) to accept the Municipal Agent's Report as presented.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Senior Center Report

Ms. Willenbrock gave the following report:

- September is National Senior Center month. To celebrate we are having a turkey dinner on September 24th sponsored by the Traveling Chef Program from Elderly Nutrition.
- We are doing hearing tests again here at the enter. First group will be on September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- We are having flue shots on October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and on October 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Judge Calabrese will be here on October 8th to discuss probate changes. Before spending a lot of money on programs that still must go through probate.
- Peter Moody will be here on October 14th to discuss Medicare changes as we enter into the time period when one can change their Medicare Part D.
- There will be a tag sale a the senior Center on October 10th.
- The Lion's Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, November 1st.

MOTION: (Ms. Flaherty, sec. Ms. Goulet) to accept the Senior Center Report as presented.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Recreation Report

Ms. Carew gave a report regarding summer activities:

- Dial-A-Ride reinstatement in October. We have a meeting on Wednesday with the Executive Board for the Greater Waterbury Transit District. I was elected Secretary of that Board.
- Fall Festival is this Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. No fireworks this year.
- Antique Car Show will be held on October 19, 2009.
- Holiday Programs are coming up.
- The Falls Avenue Senior Corporation organized to help supplement the activities at the Senior Center. They are trying to raise money through donations for the Senior Center.

MOTION: (Ms. Flaherty, sec. Ms. Lambert) to accept the Recreation Report as presented.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. New Business

A. Organic Food Donation

Ms. Peluso reported that Dick Wick donated quite a bit of organically grown squash to the Senior Center.

MOTION: (Ms. Peluso, sec. Ms. Witty) to send a thank you note to Mr. Wick for his generous donation.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Town Bond Refinancing

Ms. Peluso reported that the Town Council would be discussing the \$700,000/\$800,000 amount the Town Finance Director saved the Town by refinancing bonds. She felt the dollars should go back to the Seniors and Taxpayers.

Ms. Flaherty felt it was not the role of the Commission on Aging to discuss this issue. A brief discussion ensued.

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C. Circuit Breaker Program

Ms. Lambert discussed the Circuit Breaker Program and felt the Town should remind seniors annually about this program.

MOTION: (Ms. Lambert, sec. Ms. Witty) to request the Finance Director consider directing the Assessor's Office to send out a yearly letter to seniors to let them know about the Circuit Breaker program, along with a form to fill out with guidelines.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Old Business

None

11. Public Participation

None

12. Adjournment

MOTION: (Ms. Flaherty, sec. Ms. Peluso) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Meeting Adjourned at about 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coreine Peluso, Chairman
Watertown Commission on Aging

Approved: _____
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk