

# MINUTES

## WATERTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING

FALLS AVENUE SENIOR CENTER  
311 FALLS AVENUE, OAKVILLE, CT  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008 - 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Kathy Goulet  
Helen Lukowski  
Joanne Murray  
Coreine Peluso, Chairman  
Kathleen Plunkett  
Cathleen Williams, Secretary

**ABSENT:** Melanie Flaherty, Vice Chairman  
Loretta Lambert  
Wanda Witty

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lisa Carew, Recreation Director

**OTHERS ABSENT:** Darrylle Willenbrock, Senior Center Director

**GUESTS:** None

**1. Convene Regular Meeting - 7:00 P.M.**

Ms. Peluso called the Meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Ms. Peluso, Chairman, executed the Roll Call.

**3. Correspondence**

None

**4. Public Participation**

None

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**5. Minutes**

A. September 18, 2008 - Regular Meeting

MOTION: (Ms. Murray, sec. Ms. Plunkett) to approve the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2008 as presented.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Ms. Goulet, Ms. Lukowski, Ms. Murray, Ms. Peluso, Ms. Plunkett

Opposed: None

Abstained: Ms. Williams

MOTION CARRIED (5-0-1)

**6. Municipal Agent's Report**

Ms. Willenbrock gave the following report:

- We have begun taking energy assistance applications. This year we are being flooded with phone calls regarding the program. We are presently booked up to December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and are referring people to Waterbury if they do not want to wait. According to Joan Saffo, the Energy Coordinator for NOW, they are taking applications in the evening and on Saturdays. I heard on the radio this morning that the Governor is looking into giving some type of heating rebate to seniors, but as yet have not received information regarding this program.
- Connecticare is putting on a Medicare information program at the Senior Center on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This is a seminar to inform of upcoming changes in the Medicare program. This program is open to the public.
- We are also continuing to take ConnPace applications on an as need basis.

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

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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**7. Senior Center Report**

Ms. Willenbrock gave the following report:

- A flue shot clinic on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., sponsored by the VNA. People should have their Medicare card and whatever health plan covers them.
- We are also having another AARP 55 Alive course to be held on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You must attend both sessions to receive your certificate. The cost of the course is \$10.00, and the check is to be made out to AARP. Registration is required by calling the Senior Center.
- Gateway Bible is again going to sponsor a Christmas Party for the Seniors on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and will provide a complete Christmas dinner with all of the fixings. This is the third year Reverend Cronk and his parishioners have done this for our Seniors, and this is truly an incredible event. They even come in and decorate for the Seniors. They are also inviting the Seniors to a play at their church the following weekend and will provide coffee and cake after the production. I can't believe how wonderful they have been to our Seniors.
- Finally this Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the Lion's Club will present their Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. We hope it will be well attended, as they have been doing this for many years. All are invited to attend and bring your Senior friends.

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

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. Recreation Report**

Ms. Carew gave the following report:

- The Board of Education recently gave the Senior Center a new/used copier from the Watertown High School Math Department. The Senior Center copier quit and the Director had to physically drive to the Water & Sewer Department to make copies.
- The "MySeniorCenter.com" computer needs to be replaced. A possibility is to use the Director's personal computer and she can use the new laptop that will be coming in soon.
- The Town budget packets have been given out and will be presented to the Town Manager in early January, 2009. I will keep the Commission up to date on actions by the Town Manager and Town Council.

MOTION: (Ms. Murray, sec. Ms. Williams) to accept the Recreation Report as presented.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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**9. New Business**

A. 2009 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: (Ms. Goulet, sec. Ms. Williams) to approve the 2009 Meeting Schedule as presented.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Tax Break for Senior Citizens

MOTION: (Ms. Peluso, sec. Ms. Murray) to ask the Town Council to seriously consider a tax break for the senior citizens in Watertown/Oakville; the tax break should be based on income with a cap of \$35,000 (total income) per year for a couple, and a single would have a cap of \$28,000, to put more burden on the taxpayers; considering the cost of fuel, medical insurance, prescriptions, and living expenses.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**10. Public Participation**

None

**11. Adjournment**

MOTION: (Ms. Murray, sec. Ms. Lukowski) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coreine Peluso, Chairman  
Watertown Commission on Aging

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn M. LaForme, Clerk