

MINUTES

WATERTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING

FALLS AVENUE SENIOR CENTER
311 FALLS AVENUE, OAKVILLE, CT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Margaret Durkee
Melanie Flaherty, Chairman
Kathy Goulet
Sandra Greenwood
Loretta Lambert, V. Chairman
Coreine Peluso
Kathleen Williams, Secretary

ABSENT: Donna Masi
Jean Murray

OTHERS PRESENT: Catherine Dinsmore, Senior Center Director
Lisa Carew, Recreation Director

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Melanie Flaherty called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Chairman Melanie Flaherty, Kathy Goulet, Margaret Durkee, Kathleen Williams, Loretta Lambert, Coreine Peluso, and Sandra Greenwood.

Members Absent: Jean Murray and Donna Masi.

Others Present: Lisa Carew, Recreation Director; and Catherine Dinsmore, Senior Center Coordinator.

III. Correspondence - none

IV. Public Participation - none

V. Approval of Minutes:

a. November 17, 2011, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Margaret Durkee and seconded by Loretta Lambert to approve the minutes of November 17, 2011, Regular Meeting.

...by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously...

b. December 15, 2011, Regular Meeting, Cancelled – Lack of Quorum

A motion was made by Coreine Peluso and seconded by Sandra Greenwood to approve the cancellation of the Regular Meeting, December 15, 2011, due to lack of quorum.

...by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously...

VI. Chairman's Report- none

VII. Municipal Agent's Report

A. Seniors needs & concerns outside of Senior Center Activities

- 24 energy applications
- 6 calls between family members and DSS regarding elderly woman living in poor conditions.
- 3 calls between family members and DSS regarding elderly gentleman who is being evicted but refuses assistance.
- 1 situation with patient at Apple calling WPD re: getting transportation to her home to pick up items.
- referred the call to Social Services at Apple, which was working on getting items for her.
- 2 calls for housing information
- 1 call to Protective Services and DSS regarding possible verbal/emotional abuse of town senior
- 1 call for bus information

- Numerous calls to assist seniors who were denied energy assistance. Made follow-up calls to New Opportunities to check status.
- Assisted senior in understanding and getting application for low-budget energy.
- Assisted senior whose Medicaid was ending and enrolled him in Medicare and a Part D plan.
- 1 call regarding how to get assistance for mother.
- numerous calls and preparation of letter to assist senior having customer service difficulties with SafeLink/Tracphone
- 1 call providing information regarding Alzheimer's assistance
- 1 call explaining the Medicare Savings Program.
- Call from Meals-on-Wheels because driver reported possible abuse with one senior and eviction of another. Followed up with DSS.
- 1 call to provide HUD information to disable adult.
- 1 call to family member regarding possible problems with caregiver and senior.

A motion was made by Coreine Peluso and seconded by Loretta Lambert to approve the Municipal Agent's Report.

...by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously...

VIII. Senior Center Coordinator's Report

December Special Events

- Police Benevolent Lunch
- Veterans Remember
- Flu clinic
- Christmas Card Making
- Movies
- AARP Safe Driving Class
- Christmas Jewelry Making
- New Hope Breakfast
- Holiday Floral Arranging
- Identify Theft
- Christmas and Old-Favorites Sing-a-Long
- Christmas Party, sponsored by Thomaston Savings 47 in attendance
- Computer classes have started

January Special Events

- Billy Graham Book Discussion
- Dental Care as We Age
- Stress Management for Seniors
- Tile/Trivet Painting
- Visit from Sean Williams/Rob Kane
- Senior Bible Study
- Dean Martin Celebrity Roast DVD
- Johnny Cash/June Carter Sponsored by Thomaston Savings
- Mocktail Happy Hour – Admission is dish of appetizers to share
- CT Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers Sponsored by Apple Rehab
- Coordinator meeting with Pat Norman of the Housing Authority on January 24
- Wrote and submitted grants to the Connecticut Community Foundation

A motion was made by Loretta Lambert and seconded by Kathy Goulet to approve the Senior Center Coordinator's Report.

...by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously...

IX. Recreation Director's Report

Lisa Carew gave report.

A motion was made by Loretta Lambert and seconded by Kathy Goulet to approve the Recreation Director's Report.

...by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously...

X. New Business

A. Approval of 2012 Commission Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Margaret Durkee and seconded by Kathy Goulet to approve the 2012 Commission Meeting Dates.

...by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously...

B. Review of Proposed 2012-2013 Budget

Lisa Carew reviewed proposed 2012-2013 budget.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Coreine Peluso and seconded by Loretta Lambert to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40 P.M.

...by voice vote the motion was passed unanimously...

Respectfully submitted,

**Melanie Flaherty, Chairman
Watertown Commission on Aging**

Susan King, Clerk