

(2) COA Sponsored Trips. No COA sponsored trips have been scheduled.

(3) Day/Overnight Trips. March 7 for a St. Patrick's Day Celebration at John J. Sullivan's in Ansonia, CT. Trip fee is \$73.00; and March 15 to the Boston Flower & Garden Show at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston, Massachusetts. The trip fee is \$56.

Ms. Wilson informed the Commission that she and Ellen Fougere, Assistant Director of Senior Services in Waterford, will plan trips for the remainder of the year.

c. Programs.

(1) Senior Nutrition Program. There have been no changes to the Senior Nutrition Program.

Ms. Wilson received a notice from Ledge Light Health District informing her that licenses will be renewed as of June 1.

(2) Senior Center Programs-Ongoing. Ms. Wilson reported the Healing Touch instructor's fee has been increased by \$2.

The Mature Driver Safety classes are scheduled for January 17 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; May 16 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and September 18 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

(3) Senior Center Programs – New. In January from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. an appliqué class will begin.

A beginner Tai Chi class will be offered.

Mrs. Mountain will teach an Open Learn Art Studio on Tuesdays.

d. Budget. The budget is doing fine.

e. Revenues. Revenues are doing well.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Budget Request FY 2013. Ms. Wilson will submit the Commission on Aging proposed budget request for 2013.

b. Request to Lions Club. Ms. Wilson spoke to Mr. Formica about the need to replace the Senior Center kitchen appliances. He referred her to an individual who helped the Culinary Arts Department at the High School.

c. Other Pertinent Business. There was no other pertinent business discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. COA Meeting Schedule for 2012. Ms. Wilson gave copies of the Commission on Aging proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2012 to those present.

MOTION: Marge Caste moved to approve the 2012 meeting schedule for the Commission on Aging, as presented. Seconded by B. B. Smith. (4-0) Unanimous.

b. Donation to Parahus Account. Cathy Wilson reported an anonymous donation of \$1,000 for the Parahus Account was received for Meals-on-Wheels residents who do not have fans. Ms. Wilson will write a Memo to First Selectman Paul Formica to request that this money be available for those individuals receiving Meals-on-Wheels who do not have fans.

Ex officio member Rose Ann Hardy joined the meeting.

MOTION: Carrie Janus moved to authorize Cathy Wilson to deposit the \$1,000 donation in the Parahus Account to be used for those individuals receiving Meals-on-Wheels that do not have fans. Seconded by B. B. Smith. (4-0) Unanimous.

c. Possible Request from Waterford Senior Services. Sally Ritchie, Director of Senior Services in Waterford, has been reviewing its Senior Nutrition Program. Waterford has a Site Server who works 19 ½ hours and is a Town employee. Ms. Ritchie would like to eliminate the dining room portion of the Senior Nutrition Program on Fridays and asked if East Lyme would be willing to heat the meals at its Senior Center. Meals need to be delivered within two hours. After discussion with First Selectman Paul Formica it was felt that each Town needs to handle the Senior Nutrition Program in its own way.

d. Energy Assistance for 2011/2012. Ms. Wilson reported as of today she has completed 114 applications for energy assistance. She will work on applications at AHEPHA tomorrow and next week. Last year 159 applications were completed.

Last year in East Lyme 348 households received \$288,196.07 worth of payments. She received an email informing her that funds and staff have been cut. All electric customers will be processed in March. She will submit this information to the Board of Selectmen.

e. Other Pertinent Business. Cathy Wilson reminded Commission members that this Commission will vote on election of its officers next month.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Hurley felt East Lyme should have a shelter.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: B. B. Smith moved to adjourn the December 12, 2011 Commission on Aging Regular Meeting at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Marge Caste. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted



Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary