

Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2011

Present: Philip Mountain
B. B. Smith
Mary Broga
Carrie Janus
Ilene Harris

Also Present: Cathy Wilson
Senior Services Coordinator
Rose Ann Hardy, Ex Officio
Cheryl A. Cantillon
Flo Hurley

FILED

Sept 14, 2011
AT 8:00 AM.

Absent: Jane Powers
Marge Caste

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TOWN CLERK

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Mountain called the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting of September 12, 2011 to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- b. Delegations. There was no discussion from guests.
- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 11 2011. Mr. Mountain asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2011.

MOTION: Ilene Harris moved to accept the July 11, 2011 Commission on Aging Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Carrie Janus.
(4-0) Unanimous

Commission member Mary Broga arrived.

- d. Correspondence. Correspondence was made available.

2. STATUS REPORT

- a. Transportation. Ms. Wilson reported both vehicles are running well.

The New London trip requests have lessened.

Dial-a-Ride is very helpful to the senior centers.

- b. Senior Trips.

(1) Enrichment Trips. The following Enrichment trips are planned: September 14 to Fox Hopyard Golf Course and on September 28 to the Steak Loft. Each trip fee is \$3.

(2) COA Sponsored Trips. On September 27 to the Grand Oak Villa in Oakville, CT to see Come Fly With Me. The trip fee is \$57.

(3) Day/Overnight Trips. The following day trips are planned: September 21 to the Big E. The trip fee is \$40. October 4 to Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tour in Merrimack, N.H. Behind the scenes look with a visit to Clydesdale Hamlet. Lunch included with this trip plus a stop at Swan Chocolates. Trip fee is \$77. October 12 for Oktoberfest at Lake Pearl Luciano's in Wrentham, Massachusetts. Trip fee is \$80. November 2 a trip to Newport Playhouse and Cabaret in Newport, Rhode Island to see "Social Security. Trip fee is \$83. November 29 to the New York Botanical Garden Holiday Train Show with time afterwards on Arthur Avenue for lunch on your own. Trip fee is \$59. On December 19 for "Step into Christmas" at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, Connecticut. The trip fee is \$74.

The following overnight trips are planned: October 16-19 for a four day trip to Colonial Williamsburg and Historic Jamestown in Virginia. Prices range from \$515 to \$800; November 9-16, 2011 discover the French Riviera featuring Nice, San Remo, Grasse, Rothschild Villa and Gardens, Monaco and more. Prices range from \$2,749 to \$3,179; The No Fly Western Caribbean Cruise has been cancelled. On December 8-10 a 3 day Niagara Falls and Famous Canadian Holiday Festival of Lights. Prices range from \$365-\$475 per person. On March 15-30, 2012 to treasures of Angkor Wat and Vietnam to Bangkok, Angkor Wat, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and more with an optional two night Hong Kong post tour extension. Prices range from \$5,699 to \$6,599. April 9-20, 2012 to Holland and Belgium for a Springtime River Cruise. Prices range from \$3550pp-3950pp. September 8-19, 2012 to National Parks of America. Prices range from \$3829 pp to \$4,879 pp. There will be a representative from Collette Tours at the Senior Center on November 7 at 10:30 a.m. to explain the details of this trip.

c. Programs.

(1) Senior Nutrition Program. Attendance continues to be low for the congregate meals.

Meals-on-wheels are being delivered to approximately 35 individuals.

(2) Senior Center Programs-Ongoing. Ms. Wilson reported all ongoing programs are doing well.

(3) Senior Center Programs – New. Ms. Wilson informed the Commission she plans to offer dominoes this month.

Flu clinics will be held October 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on October 28 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Regional event will be held on October 21 at Wright's Farm in Canterbury.

d. Budget. The budget is doing fine.

e. Revenues. Revenues are doing well.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Annual Appeal for Bus Donations. The annual appeal letter will be sent by the end of the month.

b. Expenditure from Parahus Account. Ms. Wilson is considering replacing the upcoming events' board with a TV showing a power point presentation and the birthday board with a digital frame showing a photo of the individual who's having a birthday.

c. Other Pertinent Business. There was no discussion of other pertinent business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bus Driver Training. Ms. Wilson reported the bus driver training was held on September 7 together with Waterford bus drivers. The training went very well.

b. Fall Programming Issues. One hundred and forty renter rebate applications were completed. Energy Assistance applications need to be done from September through March. The Medicare Part D annual enrollment period is from November 15 and December 31 to determine whether or not they wish to switch to another plan.

MOTION: Ilene Harris moved to add the following three items, under New Business of this evening's Agenda:
c. Review of Enclosed Incident Report; d. Request from Residents at AHEPA 250-I. Use of Senior Vehicle and e. Possible Upcoming Staffing Changes.
Seconded by B. B. Smith. (5-0) Unanimous.

c. Review of Enclosed Incident Report. Commission members reviewed an Incident Report.

d. Request from Residents at AHEPA 250-I. Use of Senior Center Vehicle. Ms. Wilson reported a gentleman asked if a Senior Center bus can be used to take residents of AHEPA to the Wadsworth Atheneum.

Mary Broga suggested that the gentleman contact the head of AHEPHA about providing a bus. The senior bus is open for all East Lyme seniors.

MOTION: Ilene Harris moved to request that Ms. Wilson contact the gentleman and ask that he contact the head of AHEPHA about providing a vehicle. The Senior Center does not provide its bus for private use. Seconded by Mary Broga. (5-0)
Unanimous.

Rose Ann Hardy felt the gentlemen should request that AHEPHA have its own transportation for its various housing in the region. All senior trips are scheduled. A request may be made through the Commission on Aging.

e. Possible Upcoming Staffing Changes. Ms. Wilson informed the Commission that the Youth Center is now under the control of Parks and Recreation. The Youth Center Director has resigned. This has given Parks and Recreation more administrative responsibilities, and they are requesting a full time Administrative Secretary for their Department.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Carrie Janus moved to adjourn the September 12, 2011 Commission on Aging Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Ilene Harris. (5-0)
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted



Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary