

Commission on Aging
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2009

Present: Philip Mountain
Ilene Harris
Jane Powers
Marge Caste
Mary Broga
Carrie Janus

Also Present: Cathy Wilson, Senior Services Coordinator

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Mountain called the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting of June 8, 2009 to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

b. Delegations. There were no delegations.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2009. Mr. Mountain asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2009.

The following corrections were noted: On page 2, item b. (2) to be revised as follows “The following COA sponsored trips are planned: June 10 to Acquaturf for a Ballroom Dancing Champion Exhibit for a cost of \$62.”

On page 2, item c. (2) “The following Day/Overnight trips are planned: “June 15 to a Long Island winery and shopping in Greenport for a cost of \$86, July 10 to Boston Harbor to see the Tall Ships for a cost of \$99, and August 30 to Tanglewood to see James Taylor and the Boston Pops for a cost of \$105.”

MOTION: Mary Broga moved to accept the May 11, 2009 Commission on Aging Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Marge Caste. (5-0) Unanimous.

d. Correspondence. No correspondence was received.

2. STATUS REPORT

a. Transportation. Cathy Wilson reported both vehicles are running.

This Commission's request for a new vehicle has been approved in the Capital Budget of the Town.

b. Senior Trips.

(1) Enrichment Trips. The following Enrichment trips are planned for June: July 8 to Lenny & Joe's in Westbrook for a cost of \$2.75 and July 22 for a Cruise in Haddam for a cost of \$23.

(2) COA Sponsored Trips. To date no COA sponsored trips have been scheduled.

(3) Day/Overnight Trips. The following Day trips are planned: July 10 to Boston Harbor to see the Tall Ships for a cost of \$99, August 30 to Tanglewood to see James Taylor and the Boston Pops for a cost of \$105, September 10 to outlet stores in Wrentham, Massachusetts, September 21 to the Garde to see the play Viagra Falls and visit a casino, and September 23 to the Big E.

The following overnight trips are planned: September 21-24 to the Poconos, February 28-March 15, 2010 to South Pacific Wonders/Australia and New Zealand and April 11-23 for a Caribbean Reposition Cruise.

c. Programs.

(1) Senior Nutrition Program. A new food vendor is being tested in all sites in southern Connecticut.

We have a new Meals-on-Wheels volunteer driver. Additional substitutes are needed.

(2) Senior Center Programs-Ongoing. Mrs. Wilson feels as though the Senior Center is offering a variety of programs.

(3) Senior Center Programs – New. Zumba Gold, tennis and a Watercolor Class will begin in July. Beach Yoga will be starting up. On Mondays at 9:30 a.m. golf will be played at Cedar Ridge.

d. Budget. Cathy Wilson reported the budget year is coming to an end and doing well.

e. Revenues. Revenues are doing very well.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Transportation Issues. Cathy Wilson distributed the attached information on transportation.

b. 09/10 Budget Issues. The Town operating and capital budgets passed.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

Commission member Jane Powers arrived.

a. Lions Club use of Van for Lobsterfest. Cathy Wilson reported the Lions Club has requested the use of the van for the Lobsterfest. They will reimburse us for the cost of drivers. The First Selectman had no objection to allowing this request.

MOTION: Ms. Janus moved to approve the request of the Lions to use the van for the Lobsterfest.
Seconded by Ilene Harris. (6-0) Unanimous

b. Summer Coverage of Office. Cathy Wilson reported Anna Hartung will be on maternity leave for twelve weeks. A volunteer will cover the office.

c. Status of Grants. The 5310 Grant for 80% of the cost of new vehicle for a limit of \$40,000 will be received in 2010. Waterford may wish to share this vehicle. Transportation policies will need to be changed. A draft transportation policy will be presented to this Commission.

Ms. Wilson would like to offer a Benefits Check up and use DSS grant money for this program.

To date there has been no information on whether or not funding for Dial a Ride will continue.

d. Other Pertinent Business. Carrie Janus reported she attended a Zoning Meeting. AHEPHA discussed changes to the special use regulations. Ms. Wilson contacted Bill Mulholland who informed her that senior housing would help the Town to meet its guidelines for affordable housing.

The renter's rebate process has begun.

Mrs. Broga complimented Cathy Wilson on her work.

Mrs. Powers reported the pool is doing very well financially. It is setting up a non-profit company to allow individuals to make donations to the pool or for a scholarship for youngsters. The pool would like to save for a warm water pool for seniors.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Marge Caste moved to adjourn the June 8, 2009 Commission on Aging Regular Meeting at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Ilene Harris. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary