



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for January 13, 2014 was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Commissioners Al Barney, Mary Menti, Barbara Negri and Judy Novachek.

Minutes from the meeting of December 16, 2013: Distributed. A motion to accept the report was made by Treasurer Novachek with the following amendment: The meeting was not called to order due to a lack of quorum and therefore the meeting was considered unofficial. The report was seconded by Commissioner Negri. All were in favor.

Municipal Agent's Report: Distributed by Chairman Barney for Municipal Agent Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Chairman Barney and seconded by Commissioner Negri. All were in favor.

Director's Report: Distributed by Chairman Barney for Director Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Treasurer Novachek and seconded by Commissioner Menti. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed by Treasurer Novachek. A motion to accept the report was made by Chairman Barney and seconded by Commissioner Menti. All were in favor.

Old Business: Chairman Barney stated that Director Plumb is considering having parties and special functions catered. Treasurer Novachek brought up the newsletter announcement regarding the end of hot lunches on Fridays. A discussion followed.

- Chairman Barney passed out the new budget proposal for the coming year and a discussion ensued. It was suggested that a special meeting could be called for more budget discussion with Director Plumb (due to her absence at today's meeting.)
- Commissioner Menti inquired about the transportation situation (getting seniors to appointments and/or trips) as mentioned in Director Plumb's report. Treasurer Novachek stated that a FISH follow up is needed.

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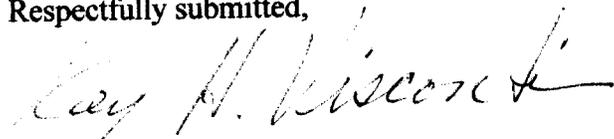
New Business: Chairman Barney announced that an email has been received from the Town Clerk stating that the Commission on Aging needs to appoint a Democrat to fill Commissioner Cummings' position.

- Commissioner Mary Menti has been reappointed.
- Assistant Director Heather Rogalski has resigned effective January 1, 2014.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. on **Monday, February 10, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commission on Aging January 13, 2014

OLD BUSINESS

- Heather Rogalski has been out of the office on a leave of absence since December 12.
- Our Annual Holiday party was a success. We had an entertainer, Tony Castle. 90 people attended. The event was catered. Comments were complimentary about the party and food.
- The 2014 trips have been filling up particularly after the New Year. The first Casino trip will be held this Wednesday. Three overnight trips are scheduled to: Macinack Island, Savannah & Charleston, & a New England tour.

NEW BUSINESS

- Heather Rogalski resigned effective January 1, 2014. We are in the process of hiring another Assistant Director. The job has been posted and advertised on line.
- The annual Senior Center budget is being worked on. Lisa met with Matt Knickerbocker to get his suggestions and the two discussed ideas for the future of the Senior Center. Lisa will continue to work with the Commission on Aging as well as the Selectman and Comptroller before submitting the budget to the Finance Board.
- A quote was received for the ceiling and lighting to be replaced in the Senior Center cafeteria. Because the cost is substantial we will be getting additional quotes as well.
- The Maintenance workers are looking at the repairs in the bathrooms off of the cafeteria. The project may qualify for an energy conservation project or for a grant. Lisa is looking into both options further. A local contracting company, Salvator Plumbing, was also getting a quote prepared.
- The staff did an audit of all members registered at the Senior Center. Presently there are 806 registered members. Since the past year there has been 379 new members registered. That is a 47% increase in membership over the past year.
- Lisa spoke with Matt Knickerbocker about the possibility of using town vehicles to transport senior citizens to appointments and/or trips. Matt recognizes the need, is open to the idea, and suggested to look into options for the future.

Volunteers

- The students from Bethel High School continue to volunteer at the Senior Center twice a month. They have been a great help with the Gift Shop, the Library Loan program, and various jobs throughout the Senior Center.

Accidents / Incidents

- We had a woman feel faint in exercise class. She was possibly dehydrated. She was asked to sit down and given orange juice to drink. She reported feeling better after a few minutes.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Plumb
Senior Center Director