



COMMISSION ON AGING  
CLIFFORD J HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER  
BETHEL, CT 06801

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Commission on Aging was called to order by Chairman Al Barney at 2:34 PM

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Al Barney, Judy Novachek, Barbara Negri , Kay Visconti and Director Lisa Plumb.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting were distributed. A Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kay Visconti and seconded by Al Barney. All in favor, motion carried.

**MUNICIPAL AGENT REPORT;** Lisa Plumb distributed her report. She reported that she and Jennifer Lawlor had met with various community people to introduce themselves. Kay Visconti made a motion to accept as written the report and Barbara Negri seconded. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR REPORT:** Lisa Plumb distributed her report. Judy Novachek made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Al Barney. Discussion followed on the coat program and its popularity. All in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Judy Novachek distributed the treasurer report for September expenditures and the report for October expenditures. Judy explained that some information was unavailable from the comptrollers office at this time. Al Barney made a motion to accept the October report as written with a second by Kay Visconti. Motion carried.

Al Barney made a motion the accept the November report with a correction ( typo error ) to #5301 to read 19.9 rather than 19.3 . Motion seconded by Kay Visconti. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Kay Visconti voiced concern about the carpeting, especially in the card room. It was suggested that tile or laminated flooring by considered.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budget requests for the coming year were discussed. Lisa Plumb is recommending replacement of carpeting in hallway and card room. She would also like to investigate cost and design for remodeling her office for more space.

Other suggestions for capital improvements discussed were: more signage, a washer and dryer, replacement of the missing Wii equipment and renovation of the bathrooms. Another need to be considered is a van.

MISCELLANEOUS: Judy Novachek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 Pm seconded by Barbara Negri. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary O'Leary". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Mary O'Leary  
Recording secretary

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Commission on Aging  
Director's Report - 11/9/15

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## OLD BUSINESS

The newsletter was printed in house last month. It is a time consuming process, but inexpensive and available at any time making it convenient for staff and distribution.

The M & M fundraiser that the Friends of the Bethel Seniors is holding is on until December 5. There has been little activity on this fundraiser the past month.

The Coat Drive is in progress and continues to have steady donations of items weekly as well as a steady flow of people taking advantage of the program. The increased activity with this program may be to the change in location of the Social Services department.

The Social Services office has moved directly across the hall from the Senior Center Social Room, next to the Teen Center. There has been a steady flow of residents visiting the new office signing up for various programs. It is anticipated that the flow of people will decrease after the holiday season as many of the programs are seasonal. A good relationship has developed with the new Social Services Director, Jennifer Lawlor, and the Senior Center staff. Jennifer has been assertive with her position and has been cooperative with the Senior Center.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Holiday Shoppe was held November 6 & 7. It was very successful and had a steady flow of people shopping.

Lisa Plumb attended a conference on Caregiving on November 5. The conference provided information on a course that is offered in the State of CT for people interested in leading a course in the community for Caregivers. Lisa signed up to attend the course. The date of the course has not been determined yet and will most likely be held after the New Year. Lisa offered to have the course held at the Bethel Senior Center. It is funded by the Dana & Christopher Reeves Foundation and is free to its attendees.

Lisa met with the Director of Brotherhood in Action to coordinate efforts for the food drives throughout the year. The meeting was productive and informative. Lisa then met with the Director of the newly named program, Bethel Community Food Pantry. This program used to be held at St. Thomas church and named St. Thomas Food pantry. The program has split from the church, and operates independently of the church however the program is still held in the church building. When speaking to the Director of the Bethel Community Food Pantry he informed Lisa that there are two other food pantries held in Danbury open to out of town residents in need.

Lisa and Jennifer will coordinate all of the information to have available to our Bethel residents.

All of the trips and special events were announced for 2016. There has been a great deal of interest in the trips and people have signed up already for a few trips. Final costs are still being calculated for a couple of overnight trips as the tour companies do not have final costs or airline costs yet. They have promised to have prices to us shortly.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Plumb".

Lisa Plumb  
Bethel Community Services Director

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Municipal Agent Report  
11/9/15

Lisa Plumb and Jennifer Lawlor, Social Services Director, met with the following community people this month to both introduce themselves and get information on their organization:

- Father Corey, Saint Mary Church
- John, Walnut Hill Community Church
- Leo Gallagher, Brotherhood in Action
- Bethel Community Food Pantry
- Pat Orsino, member of Community Fund

A few senior citizens have been in to speak with Lisa Plumb regarding the Medicare Open Enrollment period and changing their prescription plans.

Respectfully,



Lisa Plumb  
Bethel Community Services Director

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