



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for November 13, 2012 was called to order at 2:36 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Commissioners Al Barney, Mary Menti, Barbara Negri and Senior Center Director/Municipal Agent Lisa Plumb.

Minutes from the meeting of October 9, 2012: Distributed. A motion was made to accept the report by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Chairman Barney.

Municipal Agent's Report: Distributed by Municipal Agent Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Commissioner Menti.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Menti and seconded by Chairman Barney. A lively discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Old Business: - Chairman Barney inquired into the empty position of treasurer on the commission. Director Plumb stated that she spoke with the First Selectman's secretary and she stated that she would pass it on to Matt Knickerbocker and she would get back to her. Director Plumb gave the secretary three names of people that would be interested in the position. A follow-up call was made by Director Plumb and as of this date, she has not heard from the selectman's office. Chairman Barney stated that in January it will be a year without a fifth commissioner.

- Chairman Barney asked Director Plumb if there has been any progress in the repair of the bathrooms in the back room. Director Plumb stated that the maintenance people have inspected them but nothing has been started at this time.

- Director Plumb announced an Information Technology Day will be held on December 12, 2012 at Bethel High School. Members will learn about computers, etc. from the students and must sign up at the BSC.

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- Chairman Barney stated, "I will remind everybody that we need to have some specific suggestions for the budget when we meet in December. He noted that the newspaper subscription for the senior center members will be added into the new budget under activities so that we won't have to depend on one of the members to bring in his or her's newspaper. Director Plumb asked if it has ever been discussed about having transportation for the members. Chairman Barney stated that it has not been discussed. Director Plumb said that it is something to look into but probably doesn't need to be included in the budget as it is a little premature. "There are some people that are not coming to the senior center because they don't have a way to get here." She also stated "that the other advantage would be that there are some trips that I would love to take seniors on that I can't justify hiring a bus for \$800."

New Business: - Suggestions were made about the Veteran's breakfast that there was some concern.

- Director Plumb stated that she would like to write a policy and procedure book. She also said that she would like to see BSC accredited and that is something to look into. "I think that would be a nice feather in our cap if Bethel would be the first senior center to be accredited."

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging