



# COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for April 12, 2010 was called to order at 2:37 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Commissioners Al Barney, Lou Walsh, Kathy Oles, Barbara Negri, Mary O'Leary, and Mary Menti.

Minutes from the meeting of March 8, 2010 were distributed. A motion was made to accept the report by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Commissioner Menti with the following changes: New Business: Commissioner Menti stated that Jill Shaw, Coordinator, Meals on Wheels inquired about the need for new signs at Reynolds Ridge. After discussion it was suggested that Ms. Shaw get in touch with the Housing Authority.

Municipal Agent's Report: None submitted.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Oles. Motion to accept was made by Treasurer Lou Walsh and seconded by Commissioner Menti.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed by Treasurer Walsh. Motion to accept was made by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Commissioner Menti. Discussion followed regarding the budget cuts.

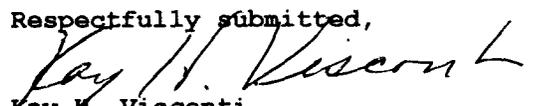
Old Business: Chairman Barney gave a followup report on the letter to Bethel Food Market regarding the request to fund the printing of the directory. There has been no response to that letter to date. Commissioner O'Leary brought up the subject of the VNA's office space. A lively discussion ensued. Chairman Barney and Director Oles stated that a letter was sent to Chairman Scott Perry, Public Site & Building Commission, regarding the need for more office, classroom, etc. space. The chairman, director and commissioners plan to attend the First Selectman's meeting on 4/27/2010 for further discussion regarding the VNA's office space.

New Business: Chairman Barney discussed the need for new street signs directing people to the senior center. There have been complaints that people have difficulty finding the entrance. Chairman Barney asked Judy Novachek to "get more details".

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 10, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kay H. Visconti  
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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## Commissioners' Report April 12, 2010

Last week brought the close of our AARP Tax Aide program. This year they helped over 150 seniors file their tax return. This is a great service we offer our Seniors in Bethel. We had three different seminars over the pass month. First, was a meeting on Alzheimer's, next Roth IRA, and finally this pass week Reverse mortgages. All three were fairly well attended and the speakers were good.

The Finance and Selectmen boards have met and they have cut our budget back by over \$6000, which makes a slight decrease from last year. We have heard nothing about what the Town intends to do with the VNA space except that the Teen leadership group is looking to move in there too. Letters have been sent to all the Selectmen and the Site and Building Commission to let them know that we are very interested in this space for the expansion of the Senior Center.

The offering of a Monday matinee movie on our big screen went over very well. We had about 25 seniors attend **Julie and Julia**. The next film will be **Blind Side** on April 26<sup>th</sup>. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual **Tea Party**. We had three very special servers to help raise money for our boxes to servicemen in deployment. Everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the servers. On April 24, we are sponsoring an indoor tag sale with many seniors participating. Our annual **Dessert Card Party** will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We are hoping to have many door and raffle prizes from our local merchants. We will also be raffling off 4 Yankee tickets. Johnson School will be here on May 21 to do a concert for us and have pizza with the seniors.

During the month of March, 1700 newsletters were distributed, among mailings, deliveries to Bishop Curtis and Reynolds Ridge, and those distributed at the Senior Center. Visiting the Center, we had an average of 91 people per day.

### Trips in 2010

April 19	Ellis Island-Statue of Liberty-\$61
May 17	Culinary Institute of America-\$94
May 25	Monticello-\$25
June 8 - 10	Atlantic City-\$229, twin, \$339, single
June 24	<i>Sugar</i> at the Westchester -\$77
July 7	Shadows on the Hudson winery tour - \$117
July 28	Legends in Concert at Foxwoods--\$45
August 19	Whale watch from Boston - \$97

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles, Director Bethel Senior Center