



# COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for May 12, 2014 was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Commissioners Al Barney, Mary Menti, Barbara Negri, Judy Novachek, Kay Visconti and Municipal Agent/Director Lisa Plumb.

**Minutes from the meeting of April 14, 2014:** Distributed. A motion to accept the report was made by Treasurer Novachek and was seconded by Commissioner Negri. All were in favor.

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

**Director's Report:** Distributed by 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 Visconti. All were in favor.

**Old Business:** Treasurer Novachek stated that the computers donated to the Senior Center do not support what we need for the tax program. Director Plumb said that she spoke with First Selectman Knickerbocker about getting new computers.

- Regarding the new air conditioners needed, Director Plumb stated that she is still doing research. She will be calling Lew White Appliances next.

- Director Plumb discussed issues regarding the card party. It was suggested by Chairman Barney that those issues will be brought up at the Friends of Bethel Seniors next meeting ( June 9). He suggested that a committee be appointed to help set up the tables, etc.

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**New Business:** The announcement of the policy of no alcohol to be served in the Municipal Center was discussed. Treasurer Novachek suggested that a copy of the ordinance be printed in the next newsletter. Chairman Barney stated that there is an opportunity to get a waiver for a specific planned event. A Senior Center member said that he was going to file a petition asking to have alcohol allowed to be served at parties during the year. It was suggested by Treasurer Novachek that the petition be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

- Director Plumb brought up the Senior Show, which will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 1:30 p.m. Treasurer Novachek said that she and Marty Bishop were working on it and they will be meeting soon.

- Commissioner Visconti stated that the parking situation for the Senior Center needs to be addressed. Director Plumb said that she will speak with the Superintendent's Office regarding the limited spaces.

**Miscellaneous (Good of the Order):** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. on **Monday, June 9, 2014.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kay H. Visconti  
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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- Assisted one person with a Medicare Redetermination form.
- Assisted one person with an Insurance Accident issue that related to Medicare.
- Assisted several people with housing issues.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Plumb  
Bethel Senior Center Director

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## **OLD BUSINESS**

- The Triumph Actuation Systems, Inc., the company that did the renovation on the cafeteria was invited to the Bethel Senior Center for a luncheon on May 9. At the luncheon the BSC presented the plaque that was made to recognize their efforts. All of the individuals of the company that worked on the project were presented with a framed certificate. All the members at the Mothers Day party, where the presentation took place, applauded their efforts. 65 members attended.
- There was a free Health Fair presented by the State of CT on May 1. 40 screenings were done free of charge. People that attended seemed pleased with the tests available although some complained about the initial wait time.
- May 2 was the Annual Games & Dessert party. The name was changed from Card Party because last year people did not attend thinking they had to only play cards if they attended. Several local merchants have donated items to be raffled that evening. The party began at 7 pm and ended at 9 pm. After everyone put their chairs and tables away and the room was cleaned up there were still two tables sitting in the room. They were asked to "finish up their games". At that point both parties became offended that the party was over to early for them. They requested a longer time in the future. Lisa Plumb spoke to both Al Barney, Commissioner on Aging, and Judy Novachek, Friends of the Bethel Seniors, President (who is in charge of the party) and all agreed that changes need to be made in the future with this fundraiser. 62 people attended.
- There will be a program on " Organization" on May 14 at 10:30 am. This is a program that has been rescheduled after being cancelled last month due to illness of the instructor.
- The Lunch & Learn programs have been extremely successful. The BSC is turning people away and often has a waiting list for these programs.
- Trips are filling up nicely and the BSC has not had to cancel any trips due to lack of participation. The next trip is Thurs., 5/15/14 to see Mary Poppins at the Westchester Dinner Theatre.
- A Tag Sale was held April 26, 2014. \$245. was made by selling tables to 15 vendors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- It was announced that there would be no alcohol served at Senior Center events due to a policy that states no alcohol should be served in the Municipal Center. The next event after the announcement was the Mother's Day lunch. When a man from the card players was informed of this both he and his girlfriend (both BSC daily members) became upset, yelling loudly, agitated and verbally abusive. Ana was in the craft room at the time and heard the yelling and came into the office to assist. Maureen was present, as was a new

volunteer, Haleigh, who witnessed the entire episode. Matt Knickerbocker became involved when the man demanded to speak to him. Matt stated there is a policy that states alcohol may not be served in the Municipal Center.

#### VOLUNTEERS

- One new part time volunteer who works Tuesday and Thursday every week.

#### ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS

- Incident, as described under New Business with a member's aggressive behavior.
- Accident: 3 reports in the month of April/May. One woman had a "mini-stroke", TIA. A second accident report was filed for a woman who fell during an icy morning on April 15 in the back parking lot as she entered the building. She twisted on the ice and hurt her back.

A third accident report was filed for a woman going to an exercise class on the 1st floor. She exited the elevator and fell on the floor hitting her head and teeth. Lisa drove her to the hospital. There was no bump or bleeding. There was redness on her forehead. Lisa followed up with a phone call that afternoon and the woman was home from the hospital, all tests negative. She reported she was fine, but sore. She could not identify how she fell.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Plumb  
Bethel Senior Center Director