

**COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABLED
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

William DeMaio
Karen Brecher
Greg Stelmak
Stein Ramstad
Jerilyn Nagel
Margaret Antinerella
Maureen Lynch

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tillie DeMaio
Patricia Hanbury

STAFF

Dianne Stone
Eleanor Eichner
Gail Whitney

ALSO PRESENT

David Nagel
Charles Francolino

I. CALL TO ORDER

William DeMaio called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Charles Francolino commented that he comes into the Center once a week to wind the Grandfather Clock and he was wondering if the door counter system recognizes that he is here. Dianne responded that the door counter would recognize him, but unless he scanned his membership card it wouldn't register on the MySeniorCenter.com program.

David Nagel stated that he wasn't at the last Town Council meeting, but the Town Council is thinking of naming the busway road after Myra Cohen. The Town Hall Renovation Committee continues to meet and has invited the Library to join this committee. The Library is holding a meeting on Tuesday, January 13th for the Town Council members to tour the Library.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Maureen Lynch made a motion to accept the minutes December 3, 2014, Greg Stelmak seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to accept the minutes was passed unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

V. STAFF REPORT

Dianne reported that programs included the Diabetes support group who took a field trip to Big Y and met with the store's registered dietician (12 people went on this trip), holiday greeting card workshop, the movie *Frozen* was shown with 50 people in attendance, manicures, holiday party on December 22nd catered by the Newington Transition Academy and entertainment provided by the Newington High School Madrigal singers. Staff is getting ready for the budget review. The Diabetes self-management workshop has 17 people registered. AARP and the Senior Club held their holiday parties at the Chowder Pot and at the Center, respectively.

A. Door Counters

Dianne reported that the door counters average 654 people entering the building Monday through Friday during the day. Meeting rooms are booked manually. The MySeniorCenter.com has been monitored through the Town, however the data will now be through a vendor host at the Senior and Disabled Center; this way it will be able to access more of the functions held in the building.

VI. MONTHLY TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager's report was not available.

VII. CLUB UPDATES

Charles Francolino reported for AARP stating that there are approximately 115 members and they will meet again two weeks from today. They held their holiday party at Chowder Pot with 65 people in attendance.

Charlie then reported on the Tax Aide Program and indicated that they are getting ready for the season. He commented that there may be problems because of the affordable care act being reported on tax returns. Greg commented on VITA which is through the Connecticut Society of CPAs and wondered if volunteers would be able to help with this program.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Self-Assessment

Dianne reported that the process has begun and specific committees have already met: Purpose, Fiscal, Administration, and Evaluation. Community will meet tomorrow. The remaining committees: Program, Facilities, and Governance will meet soon.

B. Transportation

Bill stated that he has been communicating with DOT with regard to having the bus stop at the Senior and Disabled Center. The busway is scheduled to open on March 28th. He has a commitment from DOT that the circulation bus will stop in the area of Mill and Cedar Streets. The people he has met with are not against stopping at the Senior and Disabled Center, but logistics have to be worked out; possibly as a "lollipop" stop which means looping around the Center's parking lot. Dianne commented that the Senior and Disabled Center is looking at ways to partner with other organizations and agencies such as ITN and WayToGoConnecticut.

C. Housing Study

David Nagel commented that CCSU has completed the survey findings and the results can be found on the Town's website. CCSU will present their findings to the Town Council. The committee will be meeting again on February 5th. The survey indicated that people would like housing in the \$150,000 to \$250,000 range.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

X. AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

Everything stays the same.

XI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David commented on the discount prescription program through CCM; there was an article in the newspaper about this, but the Town has not committed anything to this program.

Charlie asked if the present bus route from Newington to Hartford will change at all. Bill responded that it might, and CT Fastrak will be publishing schedules.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Maureen Lynch made a motion to adjourn, Margaret Antinerella seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion was unanimously passed with a 7-0 vote at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Whitney, Commission Clerk