

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes  
Thursday, January 15, 2015

**Present:** Kathi Liberman, Christine Taylor, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Kathy Bagley, Tony Martino, Barbara Higbee, Henry Higbee, Chris Skowronek

**Absent:** Lisa Galipo, Adele Antoniou, Agnes Bolasevich

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the November 20, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously: motion by Claire Mehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Higbee.

**Old Business:**

- **Financial Update:** Kathi Liberman reported there is a balance of \$1,200 left in our account.
- **Committee Membership:** Kathi Liberman said she would provide copies of the SCAC membership for the February meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Annual Educational Seminar:** Kathi Liberman offered a few suggestions for the 2015 Educational Seminar. The Seminar Committee will meet after today's SCAC meeting to discuss further options.

**Committee Reports:**

- Council Liaison Tony Martino reported:
  - the town's budget process is coming up.
  - a new county store is opening on Main St. in Old Wethersfield.
  - Paine has been awarded a 5 year contract to continue refuse collections.
- Wethersfield Housing Authority: Kathi Liberman reported
  - applications are again being taken for family housing.
  - the Food Share program is continuing, as there is a growing need in our community.
- Clergy: Pastor Chris Skowronek reported:
  - he received a few calls asking if transportation is available for residents to attend specific programs at his church (CenterPoint Community Church). Since these programs are held in the evening, Kathy Bagley said that Dial-A-Ride might be able to transport the residents to the events, but they (Dial-A-Ride) would not be available when the programs ended since that would be after the daytime transportation hours. If there was a larger number of people that wanted to attend coming from one location (i.e. Executive Square), then perhaps arrangements could be made working with another organization.
- Elderly Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent: Chris Taylor reported

- additional volunteers are needed for the Friendly Shopper/Friendly Visitor Program. Volunteers are required to attend a three hour training class. The next class is scheduled for Feb. 24, from 9 to noon.
- residents seeking relief from their property taxes are urged to file an application between Feb. 1 and May 15. To be eligible for tax relief, the income levels for Wethersfield Tax Relief are \$34,600 for a single person, \$42,200 for a couple. For state tax relief, the income level is \$40,00 for single or couple.
- people are calling about the Town of Wethersfield Prescription Discount Cards that were mailed to all residents a few months ago. This is a free program being offered to all residents. Even if you currently have your own prescription coverage, you may still qualify for discounts on certain prescriptions.
- the People with Disabilities group had very good attendance at both their Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. Their next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 21.

The next meeting is February 19, 2015 at 3:00 pm. Immediately followed by a meeting of the Planning Committee for the annual Education Seminar.

A motion to adjourn was made by Claire Mehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Higbee. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mehan, member At-Large