

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, February 21, 2008

Present: Jane-Helen Ross, Kathy Bagley, Maribeth Dwane, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Caroline Tedone, Kathi Liberman, Christine Taylor, Nancy Stilwell

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

Minutes: The [minutes of the January meeting](#) were accepted as printed.

Old Business:

1. Joe Mehan provided an update on the Emergency Preparedness program to be presented on May 8, 2008 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. He has been working to get a sponsor and has had a positive response from CTC products in California. They have sent kits which Joe displayed. These will be used as raffle prizes at the event. They also sent 24 whistles to be given out.

New Business:

Nancy Stilwell provided an introduction to Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) that members of the Police Department and Social Services will participate in. This training is designed to enable police and social service staff to better deal with those who have mental illness and whose behavior may have elicited a police response. The goal is to provide more compassionate and effective ways of dealing with people in crisis. Statistics have demonstrated that following this training, there are fewer police injuries, less use of force, and fewer repeat calls to homes where these individuals live.

Reports:

- Council - no report
- Wethersfield Housing Authority - Kathi Liberman reported that things are status quo and that she is working with Silas Deane Middle School on a project.
- Clergy - no report
- AARP - Things are going well and they are recruiting new members
- Elderly Service - Chris Taylor reported that the Social and Youth Services Department has already done energy applications for over 300 households. The program remains very active and is expected to be busy for the remainder of the heating season. A mobile van to assist people with Veteran/s Benefits will be in Wethersfield on April 8th. There will be stimulus rebates for those with low incomes who do not normally file income taxes if they meet certain criteria. Chris provided details on how to file for this
- WACPD - No meeting this month
- Seniors Club - No news to report
- Social Services/Senior Center - Nancy Stilwell made several announcements for Donna who was not able to attend. A new ceramics class is being offered by the Senior Center. The Department has been made aware of a number of scams targeting seniors and these were reviewed. The Department is actively recruiting drivers for the ITN transportation program that will begin this summer.
- Kathy Bagley provided an update on the construction at the Community Center. Things are going well and are still on target.

The meeting was adjourned at 3: 35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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