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## **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, May 18, 2006**

Present: Jane Helen Ross, Estelle Knurek, Gerry Seklecki, Mary Thibeault, Kathi Liberman, Grace Piencikowski, Christine Taylor, Claire Mehan, Joseph Mehan, Bertha Keenan, Nancy Stilwell, Maribeth Dwane.

Vice-Chair Jane Helen Ross opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

A quorum was not available and scheduled business was not conducted.

Nancy Stilwell informed this Committee that a subcommittee has been established to assess the existing services (needed services or elimination of services) to best serve our senior population.

A review of current services was conducted. It is the opinion of this Committee that no existing services should be eliminated. As the population ages, as resources diminish and the economy continues to falter, the need for services will continue to grow. We recognize that our Town's resources should be increased or existing services may have to be eliminated or the hours curtailed. We have also identified the need for a volunteer driver program. We support the current work being done with AARP to develop this program, modeling it after Rocky Hill's existing program.

Nancy Stilwell shared that the Dial A Ride grant for expanding the service areas for medical appointments was approved. Wethersfield, Newington, Rocky Hill, Glastonbury, East Hartford, West Hartford, Hartford, Bloomfield, Farmington and New Britain will be available, Monday - Friday, for medical appointments, adding approximately 80 round trips per month. The application process was reviewed.

Christine Taylor announced that the Wethersfield Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities is in the process of updating their handbook.

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee will not meet in June, July and August. The next meeting will be September 21, 2006.

This session concluded at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathi Liberman