

WACPD meeting 9/17/14

The meeting was called to order by Joan Haines at 7:15pm. In attendance were the following committee members: Joan Haines, Christine Taylor, Susan Buckland and Joselyn Valente.

The transportation bus did not arrive and since a quorum was not met, the attending members decided to continue with the meeting on an informational basis.

There are 3 vacancies on this committee at this time. We discussed ways to fill those positions. The thoughts were that we should try to encourage maybe a few young adults with disabilities and a parent of a young child with disabilities to be sure we are a more well-rounded committee. We should also try to get the BOE to fill their position.

The minutes of the June 18th meeting were not available.

Under old business:

A. The several of the group home residents are participating in Special Olympic training.

B. Christine Taylor reported on the CRT Energy Assistance Program outreach started today. CRT staff came to help with taking applications for 56 people. The S&Y staff will continue by going out to the senior housing locations and also booking appointments til December. Renter's Rebate program ends October 1st. Open enrollment for the CHOICES program is October 15th till December 1st. **Attached** you will find the legislative flyer from the Commission on Aging, and flyers on upcoming meetings for Parents of disabled children that might be helpful and a Candidates' Forum on Disability Issues. There is a Car Fit event on September 27th 9am-1pm at the Pitkin Community Center - Please contact Christine Taylor [860-721-2977](tel:860-721-2977) if you have questions on any of the above.

C. TR Parks and Rec Report: Camp ended in August. Unified Golf teams completed practice. Two teams went to the Fall Sports Festival at Sleeping Giant Golf Course. One team placed first with a gold; the other placed 3rd with a bronze.

Unified Basketball and Bowling training has begun. We have new athletes in each program.

After school programs began today, September 17th.

Special Olympics Butter braid and cookie dough fundraising has begun. **An order form is attached** if you would like to purchase anything. Return the form to Natalie at the next meeting in October or mail it to the Community Center.

Special Olympics 8th Roaring Thunder Motorcycle Ride will take place on Sunday, September 28th. 10am at Gengras, East Hartford. Lunch supporters can meet us for lunch, raffles and entertainment for just \$25 per person at the VFW, 3272 Main Street, Rocky Hill at 1 pm.

Adults continue to participate in trip programs and have a schedule set through October.

November 17th is the Thanksgiving Dinner. December 15th is the Holiday Party.

D. There was no transportation issue to discuss.

Other news: Flu Clinics at the Pitkin Community Center are on October 2nd from 8am-1am and October 9th from 10:30am-2:30pm. There will also be Info-shred truck at the Community Center on October 10th 10:30am-2:30pm – also on October 10th the Senior Center is holding an Open House from 11am-2:30pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2014. The meeting was closed at 8:10pm