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SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
 MEETING
 JANUARY 9, 2012

Flora Prendergast, Asst
 TOWN CLERK

Chairman James Gere called meeting to order at 11:10 AM. and welcomed Linda Polke to the Commission replacing Mertie Terry.

PRESENT: Larry Anderson, Loris Balkun, James Gere, Jane Johnson, Cathy Kelley, Madeline Lowry, Helen Zalewski, Linda Polke. EX-OFFICIO members present: Cathi Jackson, Joyce Norman, Theresa Strong, BOS Liaison Allan Spotts. ABSENT: Theresa Fucini, Claire Hickey, Mary Konopka, Wesley Bell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Loris Balkun motioned, second Kelen Zalewski, so moved..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Second sentence re donation policy be revised to read: "no donation can be suggested" for senior programs; however, a voluntary donation may be made to the center for classes/programs. Motion made by Madeline Lowry, second Jane Johnson to accept Dec. minutes with clarification, all in favor. James Gere suggested further discussion under Old Business to clarify confusion of Dec. 8 letter. Theresa explained that EX-official officers are Administrative Personnel and are not acted on by the Commission.

SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTORS REPORT: Energy Assistance - Theresa noted that with the \$5000 grant allocation fuel operation program clients will get a basic award, and explained how past recipients will be severely affected by loss of funding.

Classes/Programs/Transportation reports, and Financial reports for transportation and donation account breakdowns, were sent out with agenda. * Volunteer hours were 133.5. A volunteer for the store is needed for Friday. * Working on approval from BOS for senior aide position stipend, programs will be ready soon. * Valentine's Italian theme dinner/bingo night is Feb. 15, dessert by Middlesex Healthcare. * Brookdale Living will do lunch Feb. 23 with an "Assisted Living" program. * Frank Golden has done a great job assisting with the Medicare Savings Program and will continue; certainly deserves "Man of the Year" award. * AARP Tax Assistance program will run February 6 through April 17 from 8:30-12:30 by appointment only and registration by the senior center. * TaiChi/Yoga Classes will run January thru June. * The Hearing clinic is the first Wed. of the month * Lions Club will provide a collection box for eyeglass donations. * Cell phones are also collected for recycling and sent overseas.

TRANSPORTATION: The 2005 minibus replacement will be delivered late summer or early fall; \$60,000 is in place for vehicle in C&R account.

BUDGET: Theresa will continue doing interdepartmental transfers, then use donation account until depleted. As decided at Dec. meeting budget will be prepared in 100% operating costs form, Jane Johnson moved accept report, second Cathy Kelley, MSP.

MUNICIPAL AGENT: Cathi reported 19 new calls for December were inquiries for a senior center, available transportation, and energy assistance program which she referred to CRT/Operation Fuel. Loris moved to accept report, seconded Jane Johnson, so moved.

FRIENDS OF THE SENIOR CENTER: Cathy Kelley reported that Afghan Raffle was a success. Linda moved, second Madeline, report accepted.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH: No report

FIRST SELECTMAN LIAISON: Allan Spotts reported first official meeting Dec.14 was opened with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A reappointments were made for Labor Relations, a new appointment for town attorney Carrie Olson of Murtha & Cullina. * The Police Dept. has applied for a \$350,000 grant for a regional crime squad vehicle to be used by other surrounding towns, percentage of usage will determine cost to the town. * Funds appropriated for new carpet at town hall * Discussed were Public hearings to approve Midstate Regional Planning Agency and Estuary Planning Agency, Also for solid waste authority * Mattabbassett issue tabled, Cromwell will increase members on the Board to three. James Gere declared that PH Director and Selectman Liaison reports are for info only and do not need a motion to accept.

OLD BUSNISS: James Gere referenced the wording of the Dec. 8 letter to the Aerobic Class participants on program donations and asked for notification and clarification. Per Selectmen's Sept. decision "do not ask for donations for budgeted programs". Theresa will state that voluntary donations are greatly appreciated to enhance programming and services at the senior center.

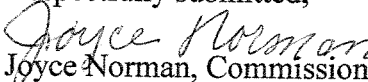
NEW BUSINESS: Budget must be prepared for submittal to Finance Dept. by Jan. 24. Please see Theresa with any suggestions, any advice is welcomed. A true budget will be prepared with 100% operating costs for senior services, programs and transportation.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Cell phones to recycle program are used for parts and a donation is received. Phones are wiped clean, no memory cards are passed on. There is no cost for the Feb. dinner; but registration is required for a count.

GOOD AND WELFARE: None

Helen Zalewski moved, second Loris Balkun to adjourn at 11:50 AM., so moved.

Respectfully submitted,


Joyce Norman, Commission Clerk