

Senior Services Commission

December 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Patricia Alsup, at 10:31 a.m.

Roll Call: Patricia Alsup Helen Zalewski Mary Konopka
Theresa Fucini Patricia Sienna Madeline Lowry
Mertie Terry

Absent: Eleanor Corciullo Caroljoyce Cannito Linda Polke
Claire Hickey

Others: Joy Hollister, Senior/Human Services Director
Wesley Bell, Public Health Director (arrived at 10:37)

Welcome to Mertie Terry

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Helen Zalewski, seconded by Madeline Lowry. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2015 Regular Meeting made by Mary Konopka,
seconded by Helen Zalewski. Mertie Terry abstained. All others in favor. Motion carried.

Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Joy Hollister

There is a lot going on. Last week, there was a trip to the Silver Lights Display at Hubbard Park in Meriden and it was enjoyed by all. There was a long waiting list. There were birthday celebrations last week. There will be another senior dinner In March, 2016.

PatriciaAslup has reviewed the statistics, particularly transportation usage. She thinks the out trips are wonderful and that the town is offering wonderful services.

Director of Public Health Update – Wesley Bell

There are no confirmed cases of the flu. The weather has been helpful. Wes reminded everyone to get the shingles vaccine and pneumococcal vaccine.

Council Liaison Update

The new council liaison is Al Waters; Frank Emanuele is the alternate.

Old Business

Joy Hollister eliminated part of the movie budget fee and allocated that money to other line items. Joy will send out a notice to everyone so that they can come out to support her. Mertie Terry reminded everyone to attend because the State of CT budget could impact how much money the Town of Cromwell receives. Mertie wanted to make sure that they can justify the budget. The number of people who use the services is increasing.

A motion to support Joy in the budget presentation was made by Helen Zalewski; seconded by Patricia Sienna. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

- a) Program suggestion – Theresa Fucini would like to propose a matinee theater sampler to attend different theaters (Hartford Stage, Yale Rep, Bushnell, etc.). Per Theresa's suggestion, the Senior Center would only be responsible for providing a bus for a particular day. People would be required to buy their own tickers. Per Joy Hollister, the town cannot get into the practice of buying tickets. She can try to get a bus for a group (would need to ensure that there is a "late driver"). She will postin the February newsletter that there is a Theater Group meeting to determine the level of interest. Someone will need to head up this group.

- b) The 2016 meeting dates are now available. A motion to approve the dates was made by Mary Konopka; seconded by Helen Zalewski. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizens Comments - None

Good and Welfare - None

Motion made by Helen Zalewski to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m.; seconded by Theresa Fucini. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk