

Senior Services Commission

November 9, 2015

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

Roll Call: Patricia Alsup Helen Zalewski Mary Konopka
Claire Hickey Theresa Fucini CaroljoyceCannito
Patricia Sienna Linda Polke (arrived at 10:34 a.m.)
Madeline Lowry (arrived at 10:44 a.m.)

Absent: Eleanor Carciullo

Others: Joy Hollister, Senior/Human Services Director
Wesley Bell, Public Health Director
Cromwell residents

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda made by Mary Hickey, seconded by CaroljoyceCannito.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2015 Regular Meeting made by Theresa Fucini, seconded by HelenZalewski. All in favor

Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Joy Hollister

The first pool tournament was held with the Town of Bristol. It was a great time. A Wii tournament was held. A group of seniors are going to the Veterans Memorial in Hartford on 11/9/15. There are 120 seniors going to the senior dinner on 11/10/15 with a waiting list.

Pat Alsup and Joy Hollister met and the programs are all doing well with growing members. Helen Zalewski said that there is a 3-prize limit (and then eligible for the final prize) at Middletown bingo and that seems more fair. She would like to see it done that way in Cromwell. Pat and Joy will survey the bingo participants and will draw up guidelines.

Director of Public Health Update – Wesley Bell

Almost 200 people came to the 10/27 flu clinic. People without insurance were still given the vaccine. The last flu clinic is 11/17/15 at MDA 36 at South District Firehouse.

Caroljoyce Cannito asked about the pneumococcal vaccine. Per Wesley Bell, all seniors should get the vaccine. It is an expensive vaccine that is needed once every 5 years. It does not cover all strains.

Council Liaison Update

The new Town Council will meet on 11/9/15 and vote on who will be the liaison.

Old Business— establish subcommittee to survey programs of other towns.

Motion made by Mary Konopka to remove this from the table, seconded by Madleine Lowry. All in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

- a) Program Suggestions – Possible bingo changes (as discussed). Mary Konopka wondered if a police officer could talk to the seniors about scams. Per Joy Hollister, it would be in 2016.
- b) Preliminary budget to be discussed in December for fiscal year 2016-2017. Joy Hollister handed out the preliminary budget. The movie budget amount went from \$1000 to \$300 (because only need to cover the licensing fee) so Joy will allocate \$500 to “social - recreational classes – programs” and \$200 to “miscellaneous”.

All the courses and programs have different duration times and Joy would like to see them go year round and be consistent. The group agreed that all the programs should be the same number of weeks. JoyHollister has already extended some programs and used money from the donation account.

Last year, Joy Hollister asked for an extra \$4000 from the town budget. A motion to support Joy in budget reparation and presentation for an increase in program instructors was made by Theresa Fucini. seconded by Helen Zaleswski. All in favor. Motion passed.
The budget will be discussed in more detail during the December meeting.

Citizens Comments

Rosemary Hart, Janet Murphy and Meg Brewster would like to see all the programs run the same number of weeks. There is great talent in town and the programs have improved over the last few years.

Good and Welfare

Pat Allsup advised Madeline Lowry that it is "ok" to check out other senior centers and report back to the group. Joy Hollister receives newsletters when members visit other senior centers.

Motion made by Claire Hickey, seconded by Caroljoyce Cannito to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk