

## **Senior Services Commission**

**September 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Pat Alsup, at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call:	Patricia Alsup	Helen Zalewski	Mary Konopka
	Claire Hickey	Teresa Fucini	Caroljoyce Cannito
	Linda Polke	Madeline Lowry	

Absent: Eleanor Corciullo Patricia Sienna

Others: Joy Hollister, Senior/Human Services Director  
Wesley Bell, Public Health Director  
Mertie Terry, Town Council  
Allan Spotts, Town Council

### **Approval/Amendment of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Claire Hickey, seconded by Linda Polke.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 8, 2015 Regular Meeting made by Helen Zalewski, seconded by Madeline Lowry.

### **Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Joy Hollister**

New classes are being offered, including craft and jewelry. Wii, pool tournaments and Blood pressure clinics are back. The September dinner has been rescheduled for November and will be advertised in the October newsletter.

Pat Alsup inquired about the nurse from the foot care clinic coming more often. Per Joy Hollister, she is unable to come an additional day but she will extend her time (not take lunch break). The foot care nurse is also at the New Britain Senior Center. There is also a Middletown foot care clinic.

There was a question regarding the ability of the bus driver to assist seniors on/off the bus. Caroljoyce Cannito wanted to make sure that it is in writing from Tony Salvatore (Town Manager) that the driver can assist residents. The driver cannot leave a running bus or enter residents' homes, however s/he can assist residents on/off the bus. Per Joy Hollister, an aide can come with the resident, if necessary. This is in the September newsletter.

#### **Director of Public Health Update – Wesley Bell**

The flu clinic is scheduled for 10/27/15 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Coles Road Firehouse. This is a non-egg vaccine so there should not be any allergy issues. It can be manufactured within a few months so it can target particular viruses. Residents should bring his/her insurance card. No appointments are taken. This will be announced at a press conference, in a flyer and the October newsletter.

#### **Old Business**

Motion to leave establishing subcommittee on the table made by Caroljoyce Cannito, seconded by Madeline Lowry.

#### **Council Update – Allan Spotts**

New Town Manager is Anthony Salvatore (who has been the interim Town Manager). The new Chief of Police is Denise Lamontagne, who will be sworn in on 9/16 at 5 p.m. at the town gym.

The town council has appropriated up to \$70,000 for land in the Northern most tier (corner of County Line Road and Route 3).

The town council has unanimously voted to extend the boat club lease until 12/2016.

The rocks being offloaded on the Cromwell side of the river (Marino property) are for a Glastonbury project that is winding down.

Tanner Slifer was recently recognized for raising money for the Middlesex Cancer Center. He was presented with a proclamation at the Chamber breakfast.

The Downtown Merchants Association has upcoming events: 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor's Ball benefitting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Food bank (10/10), Halloween on Main Street (10/24), Trick or Trunk at Watrous Park.

There will be a retirement party on 10/7 sponsored by the police chiefs association.

On 10/5 at the Town hall, there will be an election for Cromwell fire district.

The council has appropriate \$ 10,000 coupled with money from the Board of Education for additional lighting at the High School practice fields.

Expect to have a surplus this year.

Allan Spotts will be bringing back Riverfest in September, 2016 at a new location.

### **New Business**

Joy Hollister has spoken to Eileen at the library about the movies. Eileen will purchase the movies and after the senior center watches them, they will be returned to the library. There was a lot of discussion about the licensing fees and Joy is going to reach out to the Rocky Hill library for advice.

Caroljoyce Cannitto made a motion to approve Nancy Stockman as the new commission clerk; Helen Zalewski seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Citizens Comments**

Private donations to the 1<sup>st</sup> Mayor's Ball may be made directly to the Cromwell Downtown Merchant's Association.

### **Good and Welfare**

None

Motion made by Madeline Lowry, seconded by Claire Hickey to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk