

**COMMISSION ON AGING  
BROOKFIELD, CONNECTICUT  
APRIL 1, 2015  
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order by Betsy at 12:02 p.m.

Present: Betsy Mclivaine, Rich Groski, Jeannette Holiday, Carol Howe, Connie Hunt, Emily McPadden, Ellen Melville, Eve Sturdevant.

Motion to accept March 5, 2015 meeting minutes was made by Carol, seconded by Eve; motion carried.

**Senior Center:**

Ellen reported income tax preparation at Senior Center was overwhelmingly utilized by seniors this year. There is one date remaining. This year's demand was greater than previous years.

Arts Commission movie presentation at the Senior Center was well received and attended, with sold out shows. Seniors were able to attend for free the Thursday before – thirty attended.

Ellen stated her and Jeannette attended a seminar by the State Department of Aging. Information was handed out to members from that conference.

All Commission members were invited to attend a Volunteer Luncheon at the Senior Center on April 17<sup>th</sup> as a thank-you for our service. Volunteer Week is April 12<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Services Report:**

Energy Assistance program running until the end of April for electricity. Need for oil assistance being funded through Emergency Fund or Salvation Army. Jeannette stated food pantry donations were up with everyone's needs being met for Easter. 35 Easter baskets were made. Talk about overnight camp available through the Salvation Army in Ashford, Connecticut – cost \$35.00 for four nights.

**Brooks Quarry Report:**

Twelve persons attended the small cities grant. Connie stated busy time of year. A lot of rents were going up. Had 32 residents attend the St. Patrick's Day luncheon. Had craft

day, gaining visibility for events with scrabble and bingo. Library being updated and cataloged. High school student working with residents teaching Wii. Connie is working on community room and doing office inventory. The quarry will be having 64 solar panels installed to put back into the community center.

### **FISH Report:**

A number of rides had to be canceled. Client insisted on contributing a small donation to the Friends of the Senior Center. Volunteers needed for FISH. Carol offered to write up a blurb for Peter Brady looking for volunteers.

**Resource Guide:** Format being worked on.

### **Old Business:**

Re-Invent Yourself Seminar scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Betsy to follow-up with Sue Balla.

Duties and Responsibilities were reviewed. Motion made by Carol to accept and implement version drawn up by Betsy; seconded by Emily; no one abstained, motion carried.

Discussion took place around First Selectman Tinsley's comments at last month's meeting. It was agreed that committee will not be pursuing his recommendation of re-writing sections of the commission information regarding statutes and the like, relating to Town Charter. Commission lacks knowledge to be able to do so. Motion made by Eve that Commission does not pursue re-writing section(s) for Town Charter. Motion seconded by Carol. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Transportation discussion took place regarding Sweetheart Program, 2007/2008 Planning and Conservation thesis regarding greater utilization of Sweetheart and FISH Program reviewed and future needs. Was decided to reach out to Peter Brady and discuss perhaps implementing a job bank for seniors in the future.

Resident Rich Saluga addressed the Commission regarding possible tax breaks for seniors in Newbury Crossing. Mr. Saluga stated conversations had with Tax Assessor and First Selectman Tinsley. Mr. Saluga noted that First Selectman Tinsley suggested he address the Commission. Betsy stated Commission would review Mr. Saluga's request.

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m