

FINAL
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
November 6, 2013

Attendees: Doris Armstrong, Barbara Bloom, Fannie Gabriel, Janet Lamenzo, Al LeFebvre, Lucille Morisse, Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (staff liaison), Paul Pelletier, Councilman Leon Rivers, Jeannette Rivers, Gus Walek, Paula Walek

Absent: State Rep. David Baram, Toby Neuwirth

Guests: Woodside Village residents

Location: Woodside Village, Dorothy Drive.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. Janet made a motion to accept the October minutes. Lucille seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Paul welcomed residents from Woodside Village and asked for public comments. It was suggested that guests would like observe the entire meeting prior to offering comments.

Commission members introduced themselves and background information was provided. Although Representative Baram was unable to attend today's meeting, he does make every effort to attend these meetings in order to bring us up-to-date on issues before the Legislature that pertain to seniors and to receive input from the Commission.

Leon provided an update of town improvements. He noted that \$150,000 had been approved last year for work at the Senior Center, and that they will continue their support of the facilities and programs.

Paul spoke about the master parks plan meeting recently presented by Leisure Services. Paul and Lucille talked about the ideas and concerns that came up during the discussion.

Paul offered congratulations to Commission members who were elected to office last night: Leon (Town Council), Paula (Library Trustee), and Al (Planning & Zoning).

Yvette (liaison to the Senior Center) noted that one application has been received for the vacant seat on the Commission on Aging (which had been held by Jeannine Belisle). Barbara has recommended Shirley Thompson, whose application has been submitted to the Committee on Committees. A discussion followed about Commission seats. Prospective applicants should be prepared to serve in the community, not just come to monthly meetings.

Yvette advised that the annual Food Share turkey giveaway and Thanksgiving luncheon will take place on Thursday, November 21. Touch Points at Wintonbury (formerly Wintonbury Health Care) will provide the food (including dessert) and serve at the luncheon. However, volunteers are needed that morning for the turkey distribution. Please call the Senior Center if you can help.

Yvette thanked all the volunteers who have donated turkeys, pies and other desserts, as well as their time over the years for the Thanksgiving luncheon.

The intergenerational program with the Music Makers and Bloomfield High School's performing arts students is tentatively scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 5. The intergenerational programs have resumed now that the new school year is underway.

Senior Services and the library have received a grant to hold a series of free concerts. Two have already taken place at the library, and Senior Services has provided the transportation. The Hartford Symphony is scheduled to perform at the Senior Center in March 2014.

The capital budget process has begun and will be moving forward with the rest of the Town budget process. We should have more details for the December meeting.

A group photo of the Commission member was taken at the October meeting. Yvette apologized for the late notice in advising everyone and to those who were not able to attend the meeting.

Paul spoke about the ongoing Senior Center reaccreditation process. The notebooks, which are the first step, have been completed and submitted for review and approval.

The memorial service for Jeannine Belisle will take place at Sacred Heart Church at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, November 7.

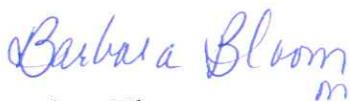
Paul extended thanks to Woodside Village for hosting today's meeting. The Commission will have a discussion next month about this meeting and will select a location for a Spring 2014 meeting.

Alma Robinson thanked the Commission for coming and apologized because so few residents chose to attend. Betty Battles stated that she was happy to have had the opportunity to attend and found it very informative. Sandra Heydeck praised the Senior Services Department for the programs and services they provide. In general, there was praise for the Senior Center and its programs.

The December meeting will be held at the Senior Center at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 4.

Paula made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Bloom
Recording Secretary