

FINAL  
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting  
October 2, 2013

Attendees: State Rep. David Baram, Fannie Gabriel, Janet Lamenzo, Al LeFebvre, Lucille Morisse, Toby Neuwirth, Paul Pelletier, Lucy Peoples, Jeannette Rivers, Gus Walek,

Absent: Doris Armstrong, Yvette Huyghue-Pannell, Councilman Leon Rivers, Paula Walek

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. The minutes for September should be amended to reflect Janet's attendance. Toby made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting. Fannie seconded. The minutes are approved as amended.

Paul acknowledged the passing of Jeannine Belisle and a moment of silence was observed. There was a discussion on filling the vacant seat and interested individuals will be asked to contact Yvette.

The Wintonbury Music Festival will take place this weekend (October 4 & 5), with events for children, a car show, chili cook-off, various vendors, and refreshments. Sacred Church is also holding a tag sale during that same time frame.

Lucy Peoples sat in for Yvette. She shared that Taij Howe will defer his internship until September 2014 which will allow him to spend 200 hours at the Senior Center instead of 70. She thanked Lucille and Al for their participation at the Expo and Fannie for her volunteer efforts at the Fabric Arts/Needlecraft show at Town Hall.

The Music Makers would like to host a program for the Bloomfield High School Performing Arts students later this month. Tentative date is Thursday, October 24. We will notify everyone as soon as the date is confirmed.

Applications for the Food Share's annual turkey distribution will be available on October 22. The Senior Center annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 21. Wintonbury Health Care has agreed to provide the meal.

Rep. David Baram noted that some state furloughs could occur as a result of the government shutdown. He is working to create a task force to help keep senior citizens at home instead of in nursing facilities. He stated that funds were approved for that purpose and nursing homes have applied for those funds to provide home services for seniors. He is working closely with the Town Manager Philip Schenck on several projects, including the Filley Pond and improvements to the center of Bloomfield. David stated that the new Town Manager is doing a phenomenal job and is very hands-on. He also stated that the Town Manager has acquired new transportation funds and that a couple of major companies are looking to relocate in Bloomfield's north end.

David is also working with the Governor on several projects. Stout Farm has been acquired with donations and grants and he is working on acquiring Hawk Hill Farm.

He commented that Governor Malloy's staff told him how much they and the Governor enjoyed visiting the Senior Center last summer for the ceremonial bill signing.

The November 5 election will be local only, with 11 candidates on the ballot. Interviews will be shown on BATV. The League of Women Voters has several members who now live in Bloomfield.

The November meeting will be held at Woodside Village on Dorothy Drive.

Fannie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Bloom  
Recording Secretary