



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for April 13, 2015 was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Commissioners Al Barney, Mary Menti, Barbara Negri, Kay Visconti and Senior Center Director/Municipal Agent Lisa Plumb. Assistant Director Rosemary Cywin sat in observance.

Minutes from the meeting of March 9, 2015: Distributed. A motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Negri and seconded by Commissioner Menti. All were in favor.

Municipal Agent's Report: Distributed by Municipal Agent Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Commissioner Visconti and seconded by Commissioner Negri. All were in favor.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Lisa Plumb. A motion to accept the report as read was made by Treasurer Novachek and seconded by Chairman Barney.

Treasurer's Report: Distributed by Treasurer Judy Novachek. A motion to accept the report was made by Chairman Barney and seconded by Commissioner Visconti.

Old Business: The issue regarding the out of town resident fee has again been tabled until the next meeting on May 11, 2015.

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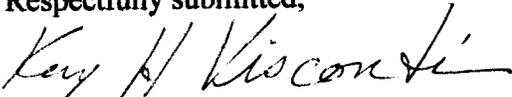
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New Business: Director Plumb announced that Assistant Director Maureen Decker and Senior Center Aide Ana Ross both resigned their posts at the Senior Center. She introduced the new Assistant Director Rosemary Cywin and stated that Joan Simpson has been hired to take the position of Ana Ross who will be leaving on April 30, 2015 but will be working per diem as needed.

A problem with a Bethel Senior Center member was brought before the Commission on Aging. Director Plumb spoke with First Selectman Knickerbocker about the situation and it was suggested that the member attend the April Commission on Aging meeting as an opportunity to discuss the problems. After a lengthy discussion with the member it was determined by the commissioners that the member should meet with Director Plumb and try to work out a solution together. Director Plumb stated that she would be more than willing to set up an appointment for that purpose.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. on **Monday, May 11, 2015.**

Respectfully submitted,


Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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Commission on Aging
Director's Report - 4-13-15

OLD BUSINESS

- The new library is opened and being used on a regular basis. Classes/programs held in that room are: Spanish and Italian class, Safe Driving, Genealogy, Computer classes, & Canasta. Bridge, Chorus, Movie Matinees, and various meetings are held in the Activity Room, the old library.
- The Board of Finance would like the Senior Center to consider charging out of town members a fee to participate in the Senior Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- Maureen Decker, Assistant Director, and Ana Ross, Senior Center Aide both resigned from the Senior Center. Maureen wished to work full time rather than two part time jobs and Ana wishes to fully retire and have time to enjoy both activities she enjoys and traveling. Both positions have been filled. Rosemary Cywin was hired as the Assistant Director and Joan Simpson was hired as the Senior Center Aide. Ana will work until April 30, 2015 and per diem as needed. Both newly hired staff will begin Monday, April 20, 2015.
- The BSC staff discussed having waivers completed for all participants in the exercise programs at the BSC.
- The tax assistance program will end this Wednesday, 4/15. The tax assistance program helped 177 senior citizens complete their taxes this year.
- There has been a problem with a BSC member who has been creating discord at the Senior Center by excessive complaining and negative behaviors. The person will be presented with a Warning Notice and invited to the next Commission on Aging meeting.
- The year-long Diabetes Prevention program that the Brookfield YMCA was sponsoring at the Senior Center was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. The program was considered expensive by some of the seniors. The group agreed to try to offer the program in the future.
- The Annual Dessert & Games Night will be held Friday, June 5 from 6- 9 pm. This event was rescheduled due to St. Mary Church having their annual carnival on the original date, May 15.
- The Annual BSC show will be held Friday, April 17 at 1:30 pm. Judy Novachek is organizing the show with the help of Beth Salvador, a high school theatre director who is volunteering her time to help out. The Chorus and Line Dance classes will be involved in the show.

Respectfully, 
Lisa Plumb, Bethel Senior Center Director

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Municipal Agent's Report - 4-13-15

- The Municipal Agent received several inquiries for housing requests.
- Several telephone calls were received this month requesting shower chairs and benches. There is currently an ad running on the Comcast community service channel on tv asking for donations of these items and wheelchairs. The loan closet has plenty of walkers and canes.
- Lisa helped two residents with Medicare forms and one resident with paperwork pertaining to immigration.
- Lisa Plumb was asked to sit on a board to hire a new Municipal Agent in Danbury.

Respectfully,



Lisa Plumb
Municipal Agent