



COMMISSION ON AGING

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The meeting of the Commission on Aging for June 11, 2012 was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Chairman Al Barney.

Members present: Commissioners Al Barney, Ann Cummings, Mary Menti, Director Kathy Oles and Municipal Agent Kathleen Gillen.

Minutes from the meeting of May 14, 2012: Distributed and accepted as read.

Municipal Agent's Report: Distributed by Municipal Agent Kathleen Gillen and accepted as read.

Director's Report: Distributed by Director Kathy Oles and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: None.

Old Business: - Commissioner Cummings inquired into the progress of the bench for the seniors to use when waiting for the bus trips. Director Oles stated that she will buy one.

- Commissioner Menti asked if there were any news regarding the Teen Center space. According to Director Oles, there has been none. She received a call from the architect who asked if there has been any progress regarding the needs assessment for the Senior Center's space renovation. Director Oles would like to have the needs assessment done with or without the Teen Center space. All were in agreement.

New Business: - . Regarding the open commissioner's position (replacing Lou Walsh), Chairman Barney has inquired about it to First Selectman Knickerbocker. He stated that they are having trouble finding someone to volunteer for the job. Commissioner Cummings said she knows someone who might be interested and she will speak with the First Selectman regarding that person.

Miscellaneous (Good of the Order): Commissioner Cummings stated to Director Oles, "and a word of thanks and farewell to you from all of us."

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Barney. Next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay H. Visconti
Secretary, Commission on Aging

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**Director's Report,
June 11, 2012**

"That's Entertainment" was a big success. We had over 125 people attend each performance. It was a lot of work, especial for the cast and crew, but as always they pulled it off. Lucille Levidini was great as our new choreographer and Judy Novachek once again got us all singing our best. Thanks goes to everyone who contributed so much of their time an effect to the Show, including our stage crew, food servers, and clean up people. Heather, Marie and Ana went way beyond their call to duty and helped to made this Show one of the best ever.

The trip on May 17 to the Lobster fest at Plazl Brauhaus was delightful. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed themselves. No one went home hungry. On May 22, we were entertained by Charles Berger and his program Popical. This program showed us how much our pop music was influenced by classical. On June 1, we were entertained by the Johnson School orchestra. Twenty-seven children came to play for us and they were great. We treated them to pizza and ice cream, sent them back to school and then we played bingo.

We will be going to see George M. at the Westchester Playhouse on June 14. The annual Senior Center Picnic is scheduled for June 15. We will be having good old fashioned hot dogs and hamburgers and, of course, all the covered dish goodies. Bob and Josie Schmidt will be here to entertain us.

A representative from Hancock Hall was here on May 5 to talk about health and safety. We had a few people for her to talk to but it was not a popular seminar. She was actually very good and she brought cookies for everyone. Our new balancing class is very popular. We have had 20-30 people in each class. We will be offering this class again in the fall. We will be charging \$15 for 8 weeks. There will be no Tap Dancing during the summer months. Zumba, Line Dancing, and Square Dancing, who all participated in the Talent Show, will continue on.

In May, 1,700 newsletters were distributed, among mailings, deliveries to Bishop Curtis and Reynolds Ridge, and those picked up at the Senior Center. Visiting the Center in May, we had an average of 104 people a day. The next AARP driving class is on June 19. We will be getting a new commercial gas stove. The Friends of the Seniors are getting us a new microwave. Our new picture TV was installed on May 16 and today we are running pictures of the Show.

A word of Thanks and Farewell to all of you for the time you have put in on the Commission on Aging. I will miss all of you and wish you all much success with the new Director.

Upcoming Trips in 2012

June 14	George M.- Westchester Playhouse - \$ 83
June 28	Foxwoods - \$25
July 10	Sail a Tall Ship Around Manhattan - \$ 74
Aug. 16	Good Vibrations - \$88
Sept. 19	The Big "E"- \$38
Oct. 14-18	Virginia Beach-King Neptune's USO Show - \$884 pp double, \$1084 single

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Oles, Director, Bethel Senior Center



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Kathleen Gillen

**Acting Social Services Director
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Commission on Aging Report – June 11, 2012

CL&P issued shut off notices over Memorial Day weekend as they usually do. I was able to help some households, but many simply owed too much for me to be able to assist. To my knowledge there are is only one household with the account holder aged 60+ that was without service.

There are about 20 households with older residents who use the food pantry regularly. Fortunately I have had good luck with donations this summer, so far.

There are a number of seniors who ask for help with gasoline cards and car repairs. I can only assist on a very limited basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gillen

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Municipal agent for the Elderly