

Elderly Commission
Regular meeting
September 11, 2018
9:30 am
Oxford Senior Center

Present: Sue DeScheen, Connie Koskelowski, Joyce Niestemski, Hank Rotzal, Pat Babbage, Betty Andrews

Absent: Jean Brown

1 Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

- Joyce Niestemski held a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.
- Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer at 9:30am

2. Amendments to the agenda: None

3. Audience of Citizens

- Jerry Davino brought 2 questions to the board regarding the pool room
 - Asked if the pool room could be painted using a semi-gloss paint
 - Could the carpet be cleaned as it is ratty and dirty and it is now a health issue with people with breathing problems

4 Review and Approval of Minutes...

- Under old business, second bullet It should read It
- Under old business third bullet it should read it
- Under old business first bullet computer inserted for training session
- Motion made to accept minutes with the corrections by Sue DeScheen and a second by Hank Rotzal. Motion carried unanimously.

5 Correspondence:

- Pat received a thank you note from the recipient of the Senior Center Award

6 Municipal Agents Report:

- July 2018
 - Medicare Savings Plan recipients received letters informing them that the proposed income changes that were to change July 1, 2018 will not be changing. It included the current MSP income limits
 - QMB single \$2,135.32, Couple \$2,894.92; SLMB single \$2,377.72, couple \$3,169.32, ALMB single \$2,894.92, Couple \$3,375.12
- August 2018
 - A lot of seniors were disappointed when the governor closed the Derby satellite office Department of Motor Vehicles. An express Center will open at the Nutmeg Financial Credit Union at 977 Boston Post Road in Milford. You will be able to renew driver's licenses and ID cards at this location. A convenience fee will be charge for non-nutmeg members to complete these transactions. The Milford DMV Express center will be open Monday-Friday form 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon.
- September 2018
 - Oxford is part of the Pomperaug Health District and they suggested we put together a Senior Resource Directory for Oxford, Southbury, and Woodbury with is the area that they serve. They came up with a website for current news in our area. You can gather information

regarding Veterans Affairs, Department of Social Services, Hospitals, TEAM for fuel assistance, Meals on Wheels, and Senior Housing. The website is www.pddh.org/senior-resource-directory/.

- October 2018
 - We are getting ready for “open enrollment” which starts October 15th and runs thru December 8th. There are questions for our insurance specialist that we have invited to our Senior Center. John Somero will be here Thursday, October 11th at 10:30. Come one, come all and bring your questions

Director's Report:

- June 2018
 - As of July 10 our membership for 2018 was 1024. We had 1754 event sign-ins during June
 - We transported 231 people, 33 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 167 trips, 37 were medical, 42 to the center, 6 shopping, 6 recreational, 2 personal and 1 vehicle maintenance.
- July 2018
 - As of August 6th our membership for 2018 was 1041. We had 1909 sign-ins during July. Were closed on Wednesday July 4th,
 - We transported 179 people, 33 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 192 trips, 52 trips were medical, 44 to the center, 6 shopping, 2 recreational, 4 personal and 1 vehicle maintenance.
 - We had a successful Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday July 7. For your information- from November 2013 through July 2018 we have collected \$7,508 in funds from various raffles.
- August 2018
 - As of September 2018 our membership for 2018 was 1065. We had 2252 event sign-ins during August.
 - We transported 180 people, 29 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 192 trips, 51 trips were medical, 43 to the center, 6 shopping, 5 recreational, 5 personal and 1 vehicle maintenance.
 - If you haven't seen the craft room lately you should stop in to see how organized the room has become. June Maciolek and Ellie Noll have done a terrific job. We bought a new sewing machine and some other tools for the crafters. They are working on crafts to sell at the Cultural Arts craft fair November 3rd at Center School.
 - Discussion on the Drum program; it was well received as was the walking and balance program

8 **Budget Review:**

- Pat presented the budget report and the Annual report

9. **Old business:**

- Going to apply for another car through a grant that might be coming up in the fall
- Discussion regarding the drivers being aides and it was felt that they should not be
- Coffee pot was replaced as it was leaking
- Seymour Janitorial comes in to do cleaning when Robert is on vacation. We should look into someone to clean kitchen floor and some to clean rugs. People need to clean up after themselves
- Suggested we switch to wooden stirrers and also switch to paper straws

- Pat brought up that we should have a policy on campaigning- suggestion was that no campaign material inside or outside center, they will need to schedule with director but can come to center to mingle
- Policy on transportation has been written

10. **New Business:**

- Free bread on Thursday is getting to be unruly. We will need better control. Discussion on how to solve this problem. Should we limit number of items everyone should take?.

11. **Other Business:**

- None

12. **Adjournment:**

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 with a motion made by Betty Andrews and a second by Hank Rotzel. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen O'Connell
Clerk

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Shirley H. West
TOWN CLERK