

**Elderly Commission  
Special meeting  
March 19, 2018  
Oxford Senior Center**

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

- 1 **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance** Meeting called to order by Joyce Niestemski at 9:30am with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer
- 2 **Amendments to the agenda:** None
- 3 **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Motion made to accept minutes by Hank Rotzal with a second by Connie Koskelowski. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4 **Correspondence:** Pat received a schedule for garden club meetings
- 5 **Municipal Agents Report**
  - The State of Connecticut is not funding the **“Homeowner’s Tax Relief Program”** this year. This program was cut from the Office of Policy and Management. In previous years, most homeowners would also have been eligible for the **Tan Relief Program** from the State **and the Town of Oxford**. Since the State of Connecticut is not funding this program, **only** receive the **Homeowner’s Rebate from the Town of Oxford**, if you would like more information regarding this program, call Joyce Eades in the Assessor’s Office. Deadline for filing for the **Homeowner’s Program** is May 15, 2018
  - This is the time for the State of Connecticut “Renter’s” Rebate program. The Renter’s Rebate program’s filing period begins on April 1, 2018 and ends October 1, 2018. Income guidelines for the Renter’s Rebate program for single applicants for 2018 is 35,300 and for married coupled \$43,000. If you would like to apply for this program, call the Assessor’s Office in Town Hall at 203-888-2543 and they will assist you in what you must bring with you to file for this program.
- 6 **Director’s Report:**
  - As of March 5<sup>th</sup> our membership for 2018 was 924. We had 1581 event sign-ins during February. Social events and exercise account for the most sign-ins with recreation third and congregate meal fourth.
  - We had one snow day
  - Strength and Balance Class is steadily increase in numbers
  - Ice Cream Social Sponsored by River Glen Health Care very popular they will back for another one on April 12.
  - AARP Tax Preparation continues to be very busy. Another counselor was added.
  - We will be offering a Mat Pilates class on Fridays at 10:00, moving Zumba back to 11:30.
  - During the month of January we transported 157 people, 34 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 175 trips, 60 trips were medical. 34 to the center, 4 shopping, 2 recreational, 2 personal and 1 vehicle maintenance trip.

### Facility updates

- The parking lot lights were replaced, but the electrician has to return to repair a couple of inside lights
- The ice machine was repaired by P&S Appliance Service. A new cube size thermostat need to be installed at a cost of \$297.00
- Brian had to pump the water out of the outside of the oil tank twice this month. We are working on a permanent fix.

*Betty Andrews left the meeting at 9:55am*

### 7 Budget Review:

- The Bell Choir has requested 4 new tapes. We will order them. They have been very well received wherever they go

### 8. Old business:

- The state representatives will coming to the center on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 to answer questions.
- We received a new flag from Jim Hliva
- The entry way needs to vacuum every day because of all the winter debris.
- Channel 8 is coming on April 23 to interview the Happy Hookers in doing the mats for the homeless
- The elderly commission will be taking on the project of Brian Bags which are bags of toiletries for the homeless.

### 9. New Business:

- Pat received a notice from a person who is a harpist and it was decided that it might be good entertainment for Mother's Day.
- Pat suggested we should have a Gratitude Box so people can write on a paper things they are grateful for

### 10. Other Business: None

- Everything is positive
- With more members the space is limited

11. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 10:45 made by Hank Rotzal with a second by Connie Koskelowski... Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen O'Connell  
Clerk

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TOWN OF OXFORD, CT  
*Gregory H. West*  
TOWN CLERK