

**Elderly Commission  
Special meeting**

**9:15 am  
Oxford Senior Center**

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

**Absent:**Jean Brown

**1 Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance**

- Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer at 9:30am

**2. Amendments to the agenda: None**

**3 Review and Approval of Minutes...**

- Motion was made to accept December 2018 minutes by Betty Andrews and seconded by Connie Koskelowski
- January meeting was cancelled due to no quorum

**4 Correspondence: none**

**5 Municipal Agents Report:**

- **December 2018**

- Good News: Social Security will get a 2.8% cost of living adjustment. Another change is people who turn 62 in 2019 will need to wait until an older retirement age in order to claim their full retirement benefit. Full retirement benefits for those born in 1956 is 66 and 4 months, in 1957 it is 66 and 6 months. For those who continue to work and collect social security will be allowed to earn up to 17,640 before a benefit is withheld for every \$2 earned above the limit.

- **January 2019**

- Medicare Part A and B Premiums and deductibles for 2019. Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$135.50 for 2019 and Medicare Part B is \$185. Medicare Part A covers inpatient hospital, skilled nursing facilities and some home health services. The Medicare Part A deductible that beneficiaries will pay when admitted to the hospital is \$1364..

- **February 2019**

- Identify theft- we all know about “phishing” when someone contacts you and claims there is something wrong with your bank account and need to verify your social security number or someone steals your mail or garbage to compromise your identify.
- Prevention Tips: don’t carry your social security card in your wallet. Shred all sensitive information, including mail. Limit the number of credit cards that you carry and keep copies of credit cards(front and back) in a safe place in case a card is lost or stolen. If you are a victim of Identity Theft contact the Federal Trade Commission and the Identity Theft Hotline 1-877-438-4338 or [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft)

- **March 2019**

- It’s “Tax Relief” time again. Applications for the State of Connecticut tax relief through the Elderly and Disabled Homeowners Programs are now available. In order to be eligible for this program, you must be the homeowner, 65 years of age by December 31, 2018 and a Connecticut resident for one year prior to filing. You must also reside in the house.

The maximum income limit for this State of Connecticut program is \$43,000 for a married couple and \$36,000 for single individuals. For more information or make an appointment, please call Joyce Eades in the Assessor's Office at Town Hall. Her number is 203-888-2543. The filing period for the State of Connecticut Tax Relief Program is February 1 – May 15, 2019

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## **Director's Report: January 2019**

As of December 2018 we had 1132 members. We had 1869 event sign in during December.

- **Trips**
  - **Trips-** Mohegan Sun-21
  - Westchester theater-A Christmas Carol-27
  - Milford Mall-Boscovs-11
  - Seven Angels-Edward Twis-30
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- **Events**
  - Identify Theft-28
  - Nutrition-12
  - Christmas Songs w/Kayla-68
  - Holiday Bonus Bingo-75
  - Foot Clinic -20
  - TEAM lunches 47
  - Sandwich lunch and Bell Choir-40
  - Beautiful Things-gold and silver-5
  - Christmas Party at Grand Oak Villas-198
  - A Memory Olde Christmas
- **Vehicles**
  - We transported 252 people, 13 of which were wheelchair bound and completed 172 trips, 33 trips were medical, 43 to the center, 4 shopping, 9 recreational, 2 personal and 2 vehicle maintenance
  - Four tires were replaced on the van-cost 458.00
  - We had a hood and fire safety inspection on Feb 20 which we passed with no problems but we have to replace the fire extinguishers next year
  - Our Christmas Party raffle raised \$565., the Craft group raised \$389. And the Happy Hookers collected \$428.
- **February 2019**
  - as of January 31 we had 924 members. We had 1906 event sign-ins during December.
- **Trips**
  - Mohegan Sun-37
- **Events**
  - Laugh in the New Year-90
  - Computers for the confused-10
  - Bingo-59
  - Foot clinics-19
  - Food safety class-28
  - Music therapy-13
  - Team lunches-55
  - Billiard in house tournament-30
  - The drivers and I were re-certified for CPDR and AED by the Oxford Ambulance, Heart Saver course on January 29

- **Vehicles**

- We transported 134 people, 20 of which were wheelchair bound. We completed 149 trips, 38 trips were medical, 37 to the center, 6 shopping, 3 personal and 1 vehicle maintenance. The car went in for an oil change-36.00
- The town received the insurance money for the repair of Bus #1 and is scheduled to go to Classic Coach on March 5.
- We said goodbye to Carmine and hello to Rosalie who is going to work per diem.
- An electrician was called in to check and mark the specific breaker for each of our exit signs so the Fire Marshall can test them when they do their inspections, a parking lot light and the light that shines onto the flag pole were replaced also.
- We had more roof leaks, so as of February 4<sup>th</sup> the roof on one side of the center is being replaced

**Budget Review:**

- Pat presented the budget report and the Annual report

8. **Old business:**

- we are down drivers

9. **New Business:**

- Tai Chi is on hiatus- only one person showed up, will revisit in the spring
- AARP taxes- we are looking for an alternative space and may look into the library
- Health Fair is May 16
- People are coming in for entertainment only and this should not happen
- People need to scan when they come for an activity

10. **Other Business:** none

- None

11. **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 with a motion by Sue DeScheen and a second by Hank Rotzal

**Respectfully Submitted**

*Kathleen O'Connell*

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Clerk

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