

**Elderly Commission  
Regular meeting  
September 14, 2021  
9:30 am  
Oxford Senior Center**

**Present** Sue DeScheen, Hank Rotzal, Joyce Niestemski, Larry Morgan, Heather Haney, Rae  
:  
Bailey

**Absent:**

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

- Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer at 9:40am

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

3.       **Audience of Citizens :** None

4       **Review and Approval of Minutes...**

- Minutes approved with a motion by Hank Rotzal with a second by Betty Andrews.  
Motion carried unanimously.

5       **Correspondence:**

- Thank you for Happy Hookers for prayer shawls brought to West Haven VA

6       **Municipal Agents Report:**

- What could I say that could beat a hurricane? Nothing, so I'll just say "Henri" and needless to say, yes, we dodged a bullet on this one! This in one bullet that I am very thankful for. I'm sure we all watched the news all day on its progress and destruction to downed trees, limbs and power lines. It could have a lot worse for Connecticut and I for one am thankful for small favors! Our hearts go out to any who met misfortune due to Henri!
- A lot of individuals, not only seniors are now on CPAP machines for Sleep Apnea. A recall has been issued for some Phillips-branded continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices, bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP devices and mechanical ventilators.
- Please contact your supplier or Philips to register your device in order to start the process of getting the device repaired or replaced. Information about the recall including which specific models are affected by the recall, and how to register a device is located at the manufacturers website at:
  - [Usa.phillips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/src-update](http://Usa.phillips.com/healthcare/e/sleep/communications/src-update)
- you can also call Phillips directly at 877-907-7508. You **must** register your device in order to get in line to get a repair or replacement from Phillips if your CPAP device is one that has been recalled.
- I recently read this poem and I would like to share this with you since it is leading in our next season. (Yes, summer is just about over!)

The scent of Autumn  
Bright sunlit skies, Nature's warm colors  
The hint of new beginnings, Knowing something  
wonderful  
The smell of seasons about to change  
The hint of new beginnings, Knowing something  
wonderful  
Is around the bend

**Director's Report:**

Current membership to date 971 members. Masks are not required for members who show proof of vaccination. If an individual is not vaccinated, they must wear a mask at all times except while eating or drinking. We continue to update at reception desk.

**Motor Coach**

Mohegan- June 22- trip cancelled  
Atlantic city –Aug 31--Sept 2, 2021- 53 travelers-  
Big E- Sept 22, 2021- cancelled  
Lancaster, PA- October 6-8, 2021- 50 travelers  
Oktoberfest- Pomona, NY- 24 travelers currently  
Mohegan- October 26, 2021-41 travelers currently (Derby, Beacon Falls)  
Atlantic City, Caesars- Oct 26-28, 2021- 34 travelers currently  
Atlantic City-Tropicana-Nov 28-29, 2021- 28 travelers currently

- Camp Ladore- Aug9-13, 2021- 12 travelers drove on their own
- Portugal-Nov 2-11, 2021- 12 travelers
- Panama Cruise-Nov 6-21, 2021- 21 travelers currently(presentation Oct 14 at center

**Senior center bus trips**

Christmas Tree Shop/Cracker Barrel- 14 travelers  
Thimble Islands-(two trips scheduled) 36 travelers  
Port Jefferson- 12 travelers

**Programs and Events**

AARP driving Class- cancelled until 2022(online course will be offered)  
Summer Party at the Cove- 85 Members  
Bingo- Approximately 50 members attend each scheduled event  
Billiards Bash- 23 members  
Father's Day at the Cove- 23 members  
Boogie Woogie Party- 74 members  
Craft with Wendy Mutter(Lutheran Home)- 20 members  
Center Café Lunches-49 members served  
Hearing Screenings-0 24 appointments scheduled  
Blood Pressure- 3 scheduled appointments(nurse Karen Zotol moved to a new position)  
Taste Tacos- 56 members served  
Zentangle Art Classes- 51 members  
Movie Matinee- approximately 20-25 members attend each movie  
Hawaiian Luau- 91 members  
Grandparents Day- 70 members and children  
Griffin Hospital Lifeline Presentation-19 members  
Gold Party Fundraiser- 19 members had jewelry appraised-\$291.00 in commission for center  
Foot Clinic- every appointment filled thus far  
Hot Dot Lunches- approximately 40-50 members served at each lunch  
Ornament Craft Class- 5 members  
Quilting Class-3 members  
Salsa Exercise Class-trial class  
Monthly Blood Drives at Center- we have very high turnout. August 68 scheduled appointments

**Programs and Classes that have recently resumed**

Bell Choir  
Choral Group

Pastel Painting  
Mat Pilates  
TEAM lunch Program

### **Transportation Updates**

Transportation Coordinator Kathy Johnson resigned at August BOS meeting  
New Assistant Director Sue Kovacs is currently assuming the transportation scheduling position

Purchased 2 chrome step stools with handrails for busses. Cost \$128.23

### **Vehicles**

6/29/21 bus 1 tire rotation and oil change –cost \$152.44

6/30/21 bus 1 Front End alignment, install cams upper ball joints- cost \$228.99

6/30/21 Van- lube oil filter. Rotate tires and check pressure. Cost \$70.97

7-14-21 bus 2- intermittent lift issue. Cost \$137.45

7-26-21 bus 1 Quarterly Inspection. Cost \$103.00

8/11/21- Bus 2-oil change, lube and air conditioning service. Cost \$280.85

### **FACILITY UPDATES:**

A new bookcase was purchased for our library. Cost 163.77

Freezer not running after power outage. Artic Air was called. New time clock had to be purchased. Cost \$702.00

Calvert Lock repaired broken lock on Director's office door. Cost \$436.00

Town hired new pest control company. Friends of Fur Wildlife & Pest Control

Blocked drain in kitchen. Plumber, Don Vaivoda snaked out drain. Awaiting invoice.

Ice machine was drain was clogged. Issue was repaired. I need to know who was called to service the machine, as I received no paperwork on the work order and have not yet received an invoice

Lines in parking lot were repainted in July

Electrician Matt Romeo had to replace emergency light batteries and also replace time clock to repair outdoor lights in parking lot. Cost \$400.00

### **Senior Center Updates**

It's finally official! At the September 1, 2021 Board of Selectman's meeting our new Senior Center Assistant Director Sue Kovacs was hired. She has been working very hard and is a true team player. We welcome her to the center and look forward to many wonderful years ahead!

The Oxford Garden Club may be holding monthly meetings in the senior center library during available hours with permission from First Selectman George Temple.

I will be scheduling a meeting with all receptionists on Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss office procedures and protocol.

A driver's meeting will be scheduled in the very near future. I am waiting for information I requested from the town regarding out driver's paid holiday benefits and carry over vacation days etc. Town Counsel is currently reviewing.

Oxford residents can pick up yard signs at the center for the OASIS Candlelight Vigil scheduled October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Quarry Walk.

Beacon Falls Senior Center has a new director, Art Daigle. The Beacon Falls Center will be sharing the upcoming October Mohegan Sun Trip with us and hopefully many more trips.

Billiards room repairs were completed. Cost \$1,950.00. Reminder of anonymous donation for these repairs in the amount of \$950.00. Pool players are extremely happy.

On very busy days, two receptionists are needed at times to control the congestion at the front counter, therefore we will be servicing members from both sides of the windows when needed. This will not only help the flow of traffic, but will also help with social

distancing issues. Two receipt books will be available for the receptionists during this time.

A merchant account was set up with Ion bank so that we will be able to receive credit card payments from those who wish to pay by credit card. A 3% service charge will apply to all transactions. Cost: \$10.00 monthly service charge. We hope to have machine set up by end of this week.

Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2021 at the Grand Oak Villa, Oakville. Cost: \$32.00 per person

Monthly birthday social will begin in October. This event will take place on the last hot dog lunch day of the month. We will sing and have a birthday cake for dessert.

. I met with the town grant writer, Helen Leung to talk about a possible grant for an additional sign in station for MY Senior Center. I will be scheduling a tutorial with a representative from My Senior Center for all office workers...

Elaine Barrett, member and president of the Tenants Association at Crestview Ridge asked if her son could park his car in our parking lot periodically for approximately 2 weeks. I granted her permission and notified her of a couple big events that were to take place during that time, I informed her that we needed all the parking spaces available for our members, so the car could not be here on those days they complied. Shortly thereafter I notified her that the time was up and if she needed additionally time she would have to talk to our First Selectman for permission to park here. The car was immediately removed and has not returned.

We will not be signing up for hot dog lunches at this time. After many trials of asking people to sign up in advance, it seemed to only cause more confusion for the members, receptionists and kitchen volunteers. We never could come up with an accurate count and ended up creating unnecessary paperwork. We will base each lunch on approximately 50 hot dogs and have extras on hand if needed. Any leftover hotdogs are used the following day for our "Beanie Weenie" lunch and sold by the cup for \$1.00.

### **Budget Review:**

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#### **Old business:**

Reception area: people are still in area. There is a special project for receipt books.

Discussion followed on rules in reception area.

Will have a new class for kitchen workers and list needs to be updated

Thursday Kielbasa day was very nice and well received

Considering having a Halloween party in October

Discussion followed on cutting out some morning activities on days when large gatherings. Will continue the same.

#### **New Business:**

Discussion on the cost of lunches and should we raise the price. It was decided to look into it and make a decision in 2022

It was suggested that we buy 2 new barrels for trash

11. **Other Business:** None

Tag Sale on September 25

12. **Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:30 with a motion by Hank Rotzal and a second by Sue DeScheen. Motion carried unanimously

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Kathleen DeScheen*

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TOWN CLERK  
TOWN OF OAKVILLE  
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