

Commission on Aging

Minutes

5/3/10

Commission members present: Peggy Anderson, Helen R. de Keijzer, Terry Hulley, and Sandy O'Brien. Also present: Social Services Director Charlene Chiang-Hillman, Senior Center Director Jennifer Ruddy and Program Coordinator Nancy McCormick, Dial-A-Ride driver Gordon Green, SWCAA liaison Meta Schroeter, and guest Bruce Lorentzen.

Chair Helen R. de Keijzer called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

Terry made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting as written. Peggy seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Domestic Violence Task Force: Peggy said that the idea of a teen skit on senior abuse issues has been impossible to organize for May and is being dropped, at least temporarily. Planning such a program may be considered again in the Fall.

SWCAA: Meta reported on the meeting held 4/14/10 with 19 people participating. Attendees shared their financial challenges as well as strategies for raising funds lost due to tight municipal budgets. In addition to other news, Meta said grant distributions will be made in September.

Senior Center report: Nancy McCormick presented an update on April activities. The month was a busy one with well-attended on-going as well as new activities. She also reported on numerous upcoming programs including monthly films, a current events discussion group, and a health and fitness fair to be held at Wilton Meadows on June 28th (volunteer help welcomed). Nancy said that she has secured underwriting for various initiatives and Jen reported that we have received an \$800 donation from the Weston Women's League.

Social Services Report: Charlene said that her client load is continuing to increase due to the economy. She noted that more people in the 50 to 65 year old range are needing assistance and that some small businesses are going under. The Food Pantry is being depleted on a weekly basis.

Dial-a Ride: Gordon Green presented April 2010 statistics which showed an increase in rides from the previous month. Gordon continues working out logistical problems as they arise.

Cemetery Committee Report: No report.

Senior Services Resources Directory: Helen reported that the copy editing has been completed and that she is now fact checking the final draft. She said that the booklet will be substantial enough that it will hold up well with lighter weight paper than originally

specified. She is getting bids on printing and mailing costs and will bring the proposals to the Selectmen for their approval later in the month.

The next regular Commission meeting will be devoted to long-range planning. A tentative agenda was reviewed and Commissioners will call Helen with any suggested revisions and/or additions.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry at 11:20 A.M., seconded by Peggy, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy O'Brien