

COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

November 3, 2014

Present: Commission members Helen de Keijzer, Nina Daniel, Laura Smits, Bruce Lorentzen, Peg Anderson, Don Gumaer; Senior Center Director Wendy Petty; Program Coordinator Pam Wilson; Social Services Director Charlene Chiang Hillman; SWCAA liaison Meta Schroeder and Gordon, Dial-A-Ride.

Meeting convened at 9:25.

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus with one change: Charlene was not present, Laura will amend.

SWCAA: Meta reported that SWCAA did not meet last month.

Dial-A-Ride: Gordon reported that ridership is up, with some riders needing rides to doctors' appointments in Stamford—which is too far, and ITN does not cover the Bridgeport area, another area of demand for appointments. Transportation continues to be a challenge for small towns like Weston.

Senior Center Director: Wendy reported on the progress of the Senior Center expansion including the delivery of the ramp. Completion is still targeted for the end of November. She said they are looking for new and unused items for the Holiday Gift Sale, Wendy has placed an article in the Weston Forum publicizing the event. The Girl Scouts have offered to bake for the sale. The Halloween Lunch was a huge success, lots of people attended. Wendy said that they will have more prizes for costumes next year. Discussion ensued about who the Commission could get to design a logo for the new name of the center: "The Hub." Helen will contact the person she used to help on design issues for the services and resource directory.

Mission Statement: Helen has collected mission statements from other senior centers in the area for our review, which will be discussed at our next meeting. There was also a discussion about website design.

Center Needs Furniture List: Nina suggested that Wendy draw up a list of needs for the new space.

Friends: Nina reported that the Friends met on October 6th and discussed how to prioritize the list of needs for the Senior Center. The Friends have designated \$10,000 for Phase I of the expansion project and reminded the group that the money raised by the Friends is primarily for programming and that things will have to be prioritized. The Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 18th from 11:30-1:30.

Special Projects: Helen raised the issue of senior housing, she has a source that could come and discuss this topic with the Commission. Helen asked if there is interest in a sub-committee to look at this issue. It was determined that we should wait to have this conversation at a later date.

Some Commission members' terms are up on December 31 and they will need to be reappointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Smits