

**COMMISSION ON AGING AND DISABLED
REGULAR MEETING**

JUNE 1, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

William DeMaio
Tillie DeMaio
Jerilyn Nagel
Eunice Scharr
Diana Robino
Patricia Hanbury
Susan Mazzoccoli

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Brecher
Maureen Lynch

STAFF

Dianne Stone
Eleanor Eichner
Gail Whitney

ALSO PRESENT

Myra Cohen
David Nagel

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

William DeMaio called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

III. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Myra Cohen stated that she had nothing to report on the local level, but the Town will need to see what will be happening with funding on the federal level.

David Nagel agreed with Myra's comments.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Tillie DeMaio made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 6, 2011, Patricia Hanbury seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 6, 2011 was passed with a 7-0 vote.

V. **STAFF REPORT**

Dianne reported that May was Older Americans Month and full of activities including: Thursday, May 5th was the Volunteer Dinner catered by Jefferson House at \$6.00 a plate; Annual Meeting

was held on May 27th – this was very well attended and the program gives an overview of the last year – Jefferson House also catered a reception at no cost; Congressman John Larson held a very well attended Town Hall meeting at 10:30 AM on May 27th featuring a Medicare forum, however although there was a specific agenda, it became a heated and long discussion with those in attendance and there was a police presence to curtail any issues. Due to the length of Congressman Larson’s Town Hall meeting, Dianne had to ask that the meeting end at 12:45 PM in order to prepare for the 1:00 PM Annual Meeting. Other May programs included: Newington Health Care Center’s Manicure Day; Live Well/Chronic Disease, National Velvet was shown on the big screen TV to honor Elizabeth Taylor; Wheel of Fortune Wii; Brunch and Learn featured communicating with someone with dementia.

VI. REPORT OF HUMAN SERVICES

MOTION: Tillie DeMaio made a motion to accept the Report of Human Services for the month of May, Eunice Scharr seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion was passed unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Jerilyn asked if the information regarding Food Bank assistance to households would indicate how many children are involved. Dianne stated that Human Services would probably have a specific breakdown on this information.

VII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY

Diana stated that the State Special Olympics will be held on June 10th and 11th.

VIII. SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pat reported that the Committee did not meet this morning.

IX. CLUB UPDATES

Charles Francolino was not in attendance.

Dianne reported that the clubs are wrapping up for the year, and various end-of-the-year banquets will be held in the next couple of weeks.

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Housing

Dianne stated that the housing project continues to be built, and the building is going up at a pretty impressive pace.

B. Strategic Plan

Dianne reported that the Strategic Plan is moving along. After July 1st funding for the canopy should be in place. Dianne is working on a grant with the Central Connecticut Health District and CCMC’s Injury Prevention Institute for a fall prevention program, and safe driving screening for at risk drivers.

C. Transportation

Dianne reported that Dial-A-Ride is going along well. Newington partners with Wethersfield on out-of-town medical trips. Wethersfield is looking for a new provider as the State budget is trimming funding by 75%.

Bill attended an ITN Board meeting in West Hartford. ITN originally began in Middletown, however people resigned and West Hartford is taking over. Bill feels that West Hartford has more access to businesses and fund raising avenues. Ann Evans is the Executive Director. Bill stated that Simsbury would also like to get involved in ITN. It is slow going, but Bill feels things are heading in the right direction and those involved know that Newington wants to be part of this.

D. Letter to Qwest

Dianne will check on the status of this letter.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Dianne reported that letters will be going out for membership renewals. A membership social will be held on June 27th for those who have renewed their membership. Last year a letter was sent along with the renewal notice asking for donations for the Center; this will be done again this year. Other upcoming events over the summer include a Strawberry Shortcake social sponsored by Brittany Farms on June 21st; the annual Newington Police Department picnic during July; and an ice cream social sponsored by Newington Health Care Center in August.

The Newington Police Department will have a presence at the Center with CSO Jamie Cipolla holding office hours on a weekly basis. She will use the same office that Parks and Recreation uses.

XII. AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Keep everything as is.

XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Myra wished everyone a good summer.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Diana Robino made a motion to adjourn, Eunice Scharr seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion was unanimously passed with a 7-0 vote at 6:28 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Whitney, Commission Clerk