

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
September 12, 2011**

PRESENT: Dr. Peter Barwick, Helen Decher, Joanne Desrosiers, Neil Kraner, Incy Muir, Bruce Sullivan, Jack Vanderbilt; Staff Present: Kerry Kielbasa, Director of Human Services; Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator

Dr. Barwick confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6/13/11:

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Jack Vanderbilt, the Commission voted (5-0-0) to approve the minutes of June 13, 2011 as written. It should be noted that Joanne Desrosiers and Neil Kraner arrived after approval of the minutes.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

- Ms. Yost reported that Cherri Wickham is the volunteer of the month for June for her assistance with the community café.
- Chris and Don Schlichting and Dorothy and Fred Pryor are the volunteers of the month for July for their assistance with the intergenerational program.
- AnneMarie Cox is the volunteer of the month for August for her assistance with the Blueberry Breakfast.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT:

a. Sandy Yost, Program Coordinator

- All of the usual activities have started for the year. Both the Men's and Women's Breakfast were held last week and Civic Club and Camera Club start this week. Today is the first day of the foot care service which is now provided by Pedicare.
- September is National Senior Center Month and there will be a dinner on September 26th with entertainment provided by the Solid Oak Band.
- Andy Weil provided entertainment at the Blueberry Breakfast and he will begin a poetry class next month. Ms. Yost is looking into grant funding to pay for the class.
- Granby's 225th celebration will be held on October 1st. The Senior Center's contribution is a book of stories about living in Granby. This project started a few years ago with oral histories. Recently, a 'coffee and chat' was held with invitations going out to people who had lived in town for a long time and their conversations were recorded and transcribed. Also, students at the high school interviewed individuals. Approximately, 100 copies of the book will be printed to be sold.
- The Senior Center and Citizens for a Better Granby will host a volunteer fair tomorrow from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

b. Bruce Sullivan, Senior Club Treasurer

- There are approximately 35 members at this time.
- The Senior Club budget is \$3,367, which is less than previously reported due to the purchase of flower bulbs that will be sold at the 225th celebration. The cookbooks will also be available for sale.
- The barbeque that was held in July was very successful.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Ms. Kielbasa distributed a copy of the Proclamation from First Selectman John Adams recognizing the Senior Center in light of National Senior Center Month.
- NCAAA funded two projects, both with reductions. The grandparents group was funded again. There is also a new civic engagement project, one is intergenerational and one is not. The members will choose a project they're interested in. This will start in October when the federal fiscal calendar begins.
- The Senior Center membership fees are due in the month of September and it is going very well. The Program Activity Committee decided to focus on the membership drive and they put an article and photographs in the latest Drummer. There is now a lifetime membership available for \$75.00.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT:

- The CT DOT grant was cut by 25% (approximately \$5,000). This pays for the full-time van driver position. The department will be able to maintain this for this year but will need to look at it for next year.
- There has been a large increase in medical appointments, which means bringing a third driver in and many times, having three vans on the road in order to cover the appointments.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- The Senior Center will tag onto the Everbridge notification system. People will need to voluntarily sign up for this.

Incy Muir gave the following update:

- Flu Clinics will be held at the Senior Center on September 13th and October 19th.
- The closing on the Granby building will be the end of this week. So far, \$114,000 has been raised and they haven't heard back yet from some of the grant applications.
- Sandy Fleet has been hired as the Community Liaison. She started in July and works three days a week. Her primary focus is to be out in the community with non-hospital referral sources and also to do more outreach to make the organization more visible.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Bruce Sullivan, seconded by Dr. Barwick, the Commission voted (7-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary