

MINUTES

Commission on Aging Committee SPECIAL Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 @ 10 am
Community Center Room 107

Members Present: Kathy Pagliaro-Rich, Phylis Jachimowski, Evelyn Molner, Karen Stanek and Suzanne Reilly

Member(s) Absent: none

Others present: Mary McNelis, Community Services Director, Lucy McConologue, Elderly Services Manager, Gerry Eckhardt, Harvey Eckhardt and Sandra Gesek.

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Mary McNelis, Seymour Community Services Director @ 10:07 am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Public comment:** none
4. **Election of Officers** nominations from the committee members were as follows:
Karen nominated **Kathy Pagliaro-Rich** for the **Chairman** position, and Phylis seconded; **Motion carried.** Karen made the nomination for **Evelyn Molner to be the Vice-Chairman** and Phylis seconded, **Motion carried.** Karen made the nomination for **Suzanne Reilly to be the Secretary** and Phylis seconding, **Motion carried.**
Then, there was a withdrawal of the motion by Karen and Phylis to nominate Kathy as Chairman, since Kathy felt she would not be able to be present as some meetings throughout the year due to some commitments. A motion was then made by Kathy and seconded by Phylis to nominate **Karen Stanek** as the **Chairman**, Karen accepted the position. **Motion carried.**
Mary asked Karen if she wanted to take over the meeting, but Karen declined and asked Mary to continue for today.
5. **Assignment of Charge from First Selectman** – the Charter Section 10.15. – Commission on Aging (Modified) document was distributed and summarized to the group by Mary.
6. **Review of Senior Activities** – Mary presented and distributed a prepared list of Programs and Activities dated July 1, 2015 – March 23, 2016 - Categorized as In House Activities, Off Site Day/Overnight Trips, Other Meetings/Events and Transportation Services. Lucy also assisted with the sharing of information related to Senior Services. The March 2016 Seymour Senior Center News (newsletter) was also distributed along with the Seymour Community Services Fall 2015 Brochure. It was mentioned that as of 1/1/2016 to present there were 209 registered paid members of the Senior Center, The fee is \$5 for town residents and \$7 for nonresidents, for those over 80 there is no charge for membership. 145 are residents and 64 are nonresidents. For those 55 years and older, membership entitles them to receive the newsletter and participate in activities. It was also mentioned that they were considering revitalizing the Bocce courts area, but regular maintenance needed to be scheduled and the need for some shade would make it more inviting. They are also planning on working with the Middle School to host intergenerational events.
The Van has been utilized more during the week for shopping trips and other activities, such as Sunday morning Church services seven individuals participated last week.
7. **Municipal Agent Report** was tabled since Bonnie Wilkes, Municipal Agent for the Elderly was not present.

8. **Public comment:** Gerry suggested contacting Emmett O'Brien School or the Boy Scouts with regard upgrading the Bocce area; this would be a wonderful Eagle Scout Project to build benches in the area and/or build an Arbor or some shade area. Saundra was asking about the UConn game and the TriArts events she had been told that they were sold out in the past. Mary mentioned that these programs were not sold out and was concerned on where this information may have come from. She stressed to always contact the office to confirm availability.
9. **Set Meeting Schedule** – The meeting schedule for the remainder of 2016 was distributed and discussed, it was suggested that the November and December dates be adjusted to not conflict with the holidays. November changed to a Special meeting on November 30 in place of the November 23rd date. And, December 21 in place of the December 28 date. A motion was made by Phillis and seconded by Evelyn to approve the revised schedule of meetings as noted.
10. **Open Discussion** – The responsibilities of the Secretary's role was reviewed.
11. **Adjournment** - A motion was made by Karen and 2nd by Suzanne to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Reilly
Secretary