

## COMMISSION on AGING

Minutes of November 17, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Will Bigl (2015), Bev Korba (2017), Bettejane Karnes (2015), Steve Kegler (2015), Nancy Trawick Smith (201 ), Martina Wharton (201 ), Laurie McMorrow (2017)

STAFF: Cindy Dainton, Sr. Ctr. Super., Pat Schneider, Human Services Director

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don Nolan (2017), Estelle Elliott, SCA Pres., Jennifer Hoskins (201 ).

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Judy Bigl, Rolling Hills.

Meeting was called to order @ 9:32am.

October 20, 2014 minutes were reviewed & accepted by all.

CORRESPONDENCE: Will read an email he received from Alfred Fratoni, Jr. stating his decision not to apply for a seat on the panel at this time. This will allow Steve Kegler to retain his seat. A letter written by Bev Korba (secretary) to Emile Poirier thanking him for his service to the commission was also read & approved by all members. Martina Wharton's application for membership to the board was approved.

Judy Bigl will be the new representative from Rolling Hills due to Emile Poirier's resignation. Estelle Elliott is in the process of moving from Wright's Way. The commission is now requesting that Juniper Hill, Wright's Way and Glen Ridge canvass their communities for new representatives.

PAT SCHNEIDER, REPORT: When the final references are received and accepted for the new bus driver applicant, the center will be at full staff

A building inspection of the center was done (initiated by the Town Manager) to determine the list of priorities when making much needed improvements.

- Safety issues will be addressed first.
- Finding small affordable projects that will yield large benefits.
- Looking at long term goals.

CINDY DAINTON'S REPORT: New list of corrected meeting dates was given out to all.

Met with Bettejane Karnes' new sub-committee. (See New Business)

95 guests have signed up for Thanksgiving meal.

Work is being done to condense Emergency Preparedness Booklet. Cindy will present her edited version at December meeting.

Mansfield is one of four centers that were selected to host the "CARFIX" program. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015. Twenty five applicants will be accepted. It is a free program with many benefits for older drivers. If there is enough interest, it could become a yearly site for their program. Cindy is asking for volunteers to man the "stations" during the event.

HOUSING REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Juniper Hill--Laurie reported that plans continue to be in place for trips. A fund has been initiated by Juniper Hill residents for "Homeward Bound Hero's". They will be collecting household items to make the transition to community easier. Laurie also reported a recent grandparent's scam.

Rolling Hills—Judy reported on the success of the Harvest Dinner. Residents are in the process of planning a "trim the tree" & Christmas party. A food pantry box is in place at Rolling Hills at all times for donations.

Glen Ridge—Bev will be looking for a representative for Glen Ridge. She reported that Sgt.----- from the State Police gave a presentation about personal safety to about 25 members. This invitation was the result of some recent break-ins.

NEW BUSINESS: Bettejane Karnes will head a sub-committee to look into the feasibility of a new senior center. Her committee reviewed a 2007 study that all agreed was outdated due to the many changes in Mansfield.

- New downtown Storrs
- Expansion of UConn
- New housing needs
- Building of new technology park

Committee members: Bettejane Karnes, Joan Quorto, Lida Belakhur, Will Begl, Cindy Dainton

OLD BUSINESS: Work is presently being done on bus shelter on Rt 275.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:30 am - respectfully submitted by Bev Korba, Secretary

