

## MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Earl Temchin.

Members present: Earl Temchin, Connie Proll, Ruth Riccio, Michael Rossi, Ben Cammuso, Susan Locks, Lynn Maschi and Sandra Micalizzi.

Members absent: Guss Nevelos.

Mr. Temchin welcomed our new Commissioner, Lynn Maschi to the Board.

The minutes of the March 13 meeting were presented to the Commission. Connie Proll noted that included in the minutes, the Treasurer's Report lacked proper information, it should have read "She reported that of the \$416,271.00 original budget, \$256,466.00 (65.5%) has been expended, leaving \$159,805.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year." With the correction included, a motion was made by Michael Rossi to accept the minutes, seconded by Ben Cammuso, all were in favor.

Connie Proll gave the Treasurer's Report. She reported that of the \$416,271.00 original budget, \$346,938.00 (74.8%) has been expended, leaving \$116,931.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Verderame reported that a transfer to the Class Instructors account was requested in the amount of \$3,450.00.

A transfer to the Staff Overtime account was requested in the amount of \$1,150.00.

Mr. Verderame also informed the Commission that a transfer will be needed in the Building/Grounds/Maintenance account.

A motion was made by Ruth Riccio to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Michael Rossi, all were in favor.

Before giving the Director's and Program Coordinator's reports, Mr. Verderame informed the Commissioners of the death of our very dear friend, Frank Ciliberti. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 on April 14 at the Grace Baptist Church in Cheshire.

Our Dial-A-Ride continues to grow; we had a total of 618 one-way rides including 126 medical runs in-town, and 93 out-of -town.

Included in "Social Services"; the fuel assistance program will end on May 1; we have assisted 15 seniors during the month of March. The Income Tax program, under the direction of Cynthia Gilbert, completed 154 returns, there are still days remaining in the month of April where we are booked solid and are forced to turn people away.

Sue Saucier of Youth Services, Sharyn and Bob met to discuss the idea of beginning a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren. The first support group met at the Calendar House the evening of the 29th. There were 22 grandparents and 8 grandchildren in attendance. Future meetings are planned with guest speakers, including Chief Daley. Commissioner Sandra Micalizzi offered to speak on the topic of healthy eating if asked.

The Renters Rebate Program, under the direction of Sharyn Murphy and Bob Verderame, will begin on May 15.

Sharyn Murphy attended this year's NCOA conference which was held in Chicago from March 6 through March 9. A report will follow.

A host of bagel breakfast are scheduled during the month of April, including our very own Connie Proll, who along with John Baez, spoke on the "pitfalls of retirement" and long-term care.

Included in bus maintenance, the 2006 bus had a grease and oil job and the 2000 bus needed to have some window latches replaced. These latches are made from a "white metal" and are easily broken.

Included in building maintenance; a section of the flat roof is leaking and causing water to travel through the pantry door into the cellar. Bob reported that Tom Martin will come and retar the area where the leak is. A new furnace is needed in the office area to replace the 1984 model. The Commission asked if it would require an appropriation, Bob is hopeful that we may be able to transfer the money from the two-zone heating account, which is still available.

The fire extinguishers and the Ansel system were checked. The exhaust fan was replaced and stove hood filter will be cleaned in May.

The UNICO Club donated a TV/VCR/DVD to the Calendar House.

The United Way is working with the Central Regional Planning Agency to bring a public transit line through Southington, thus bringing us closer to having a para-transit system.

CW Resources, our elderly nutrition caterer, continues to have budget problems. They had scheduled 14 days of closure during the remainder of this year. Earl Temchin commented that this was not the only bump in the road with them. Bob Verderame made a phone call to NCAAA who contracts the nutrition caterers, and explained the situation. They spoke to CW, and as of right now, there is a hold on days canceled.

Under programing, two health and wellness programs were held at the Center, as well as a hearing screening, and a visit from students enrolled in the UCONN School of Pharmacy. All were well attended.

27 members traveled to Philadelphia for the King Tut Exhibit and the Flower Show. There was a trip presentation by Tours of Distinction for a January, 2008 cruise to the Caribbean.

Our St. Patrick's party, with entertainment by the Frank Wielgosz Band, was attended by 105 members. Our monthly membership meeting included, at a cost, a pizza and movie social. There were 70 people in attendance.

A motion was made by Ruth Riccio to accept the Director's and Program Coordinator's Report. The motion was seconded by Ben Cammuso, all were in favor.

Under "Correspondence", included in the April 4 Department Head Meeting minutes, Mr. Weichsel addressed the subject of accrued vacation time. He would like to see no more than 30 vacation days accrued by employees. And expects that employees will stay within their 30 day vacation period.

Also included, the Board of Finance asked each Department Head to review their accounts to see which will be under and which will be over budget by the end of the fiscal year. The information is to be given to the Board of Finance.

Mr. Verderame sent a letter to Mr. Weichsel regarding participation in a State Matching Grant Program for transportation for the elderly and disabled.. The Town is eligible for \$50,035.00 and will be able to use existing funding in our Town Budget for the required match. In fulfilling our part of the agreement, we would be required to add services to our existing dial-a-ride program. The required paperwork has been delivered to the State.

A new State of CT Social Services Field Representative, Cheryl Jackson, sent a letter of introduction. Bob reported that he and Sharyn will meet her at their next CASC meeting.

Under "Old Business", We have finally had word from the State in regards to money promised for repaving the parking lot. After a phone call of April 3, we were sent a grant application which will have to be completed and returned to the State. Also Tony Tranquillo submitted a preliminary rendering of the plan. Several Commission members were concerned about the hazard that may come from people cutting through our lot to get from Hobart to Pleasant Street. Bob will contact Tony regarding the feasibility of having a gate at the Hobart Street entrance. Once the funds are in place we would still need final plans and then advertise for bids.

The subject of memorial plaques, honoring Art Della Vecchia and John D'Angelo, was brought to the floor. Elaine Barrasso reported the cost of each plaque will be \$528.00, and they can be ordered after July 1.

Under “New Business”, Mr. Temchin, as per the Commission by-laws, reported that he was charged with the appointment of three members to comprise a nominating committee. In so doing, he appointed Ben Cammuso, Michael Rossi and Connie Proll to meet and report to the Commission at their next meeting.

On behalf of the members that ride our bus to shopping destinations each week, Mr. Verderame asked the Commission for permission to allow the bus to travel to Bristol one day each month to shop. The Commission was informed that the bus already travels to Meriden Square or Plainville on alternating months and therefore this trip would only add a third destination for this once monthly shopping day, permission was granted.

Mr. Verderame reported that he received correspondence from Mark Sciota requesting copies of service contracts in use at the Calendar House. Copies were delivered to Mr. Sciota as requested.

Under “Public Communication”, Sandy Micalizzi informed the Commission that the Library Board, of which she is a member, voted to use the lower level of the library for educational purposes only. Therefore, she made us aware that we may see the fallout from organizations, requesting to use our building, who have used the library space in the past.

A motion was made by Ben Cammuso to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Barrasso,  
Calendar House Secretary