

## MEETING OF JUNE 14, 2005

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

Members present: Earl Temchin, Mark Sciota, Ben Cammuso, Angela D'Angelo, Sandra Micalizzi, Connie Proll, Peter Santiago and Michael Rossi.

Member absent: Ruth Ricco.

The Commission was informed that a letter of resignation was received from Len Hudak. The Town Council, at their June 13 meeting, appointed Michael Rossi to complete his term.

Mr. Temchin welcomed Mr. Rossi to the Commission, and at the same time wished Len Hudak well in his future endeavors.

The minutes of the May 10 meeting were accepted as presented on a motion from Mark Sciota, seconded by Angie D'Angelo, all were in favor.

Mr. Cammuso gave the Treasurer's Report. He stated that of the original budget of \$383,913, \$347,867 (90.2%) has been expended, leaving \$37,842 remaining.

Mr. Verderame reported that a Transfer of Funds for the Utilities account, in the amount of \$3,570.00, was approved by the Finance Board.

Mr. Verderame also reported that the Travel/Dues/Meetings account is low and will need to have a Transfer of Funds to pay for mileage for the remainder of the F.Y.

A request for a Continued Appropriation will be made for the \$7,000.00 in the Ford Transport Van account. We were successful in obtaining grant money for this bus, but it will not be delivered until the fall. Mr. Verderame also asked the Commission for permission to transfer remaining moneys from other accounts into this account so that we will have sufficient funds for the cost of the bus.

Mr. Verderame reported that a schedule had been received from Emilia Portelinha outlining dates for the closing out of this fiscal year's books.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted on a motion from Angie D'Angelo, seconded by Sandy Micalizzi, all were in favor.

Mr. Verderame read the Director's and Program Coordinator's Report. In giving the statistic report, he stated that new volunteers have stepped forward to drive individuals to medical appointments. Therefore, a total of 11 people were transported by volunteers this month.

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78 applications were completed for the Renters Rebate Program this month. We will once

again have volunteers go to the elderly housing sites as well as homebound individuals this year.

Mr. Verderame informed the Commission of Medicare Part D; a new program providing drug coverage under Medicare beginning January 1, 2006.

A meeting was held recently with Pat Sarafin from Social Security and Sharyn and Bob regarding this program. Pat stated that beginning in July, low income individuals may start applying for extra help with their prescription drug coverage. General enrollment will begin on November 15. The Calendar House, with help from the North Central Area Agency on Aging, has scheduled two informational sessions in July to help our members through the initial sign up process for the program, but we are expecting quite a volume of cases where we will be asked to assist individuals in completing applications. Sharyn plans to enlist the help of interns from local colleges who may be useful in covering this additional case work. The process will be quite overwhelming, as the complete information is not available as of this date.

Mr. Verderame reported that he and Sharyn attended a Training Session in Meriden on May 13. The topic "Awakening Human Potential in the Second Half of Life" addressed the importance of senior centers in introducing new hobbies and skills to individuals after the age of retirement.

Under "Maintenance" it was noted that 2014 miles were put on the 2000 bus this month, a total of 3084 miles between the two buses.

Under general maintenance; Simplex checked our fire alarm system and found that the backup battery system did not work. Batteries will need to be replaced. The pavilion water supply was turned on, and the building was cleaned inside and power washed outside. The flower beds were mulched and Ben Cammuso planted additional flowers. The ice machine, donated by UNICO, was delivered. The railing at the front entrance has been repaired.

Included in the Program Report; Members signed up for a July 20 Foxwood Casino trip. Members traveled to the Newport Playhouse on May 19 and Rene Dupuis of Tours of Distinction presented a December trip to South Carolina and a Caribbean Cruise.

A Health Fair, held in conjunction with Bradley Health Care, Inc., was held on May 11. 600 attended, participating in education sessions, cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, bone density and hearing screenings. A local chiropractor performed spinal assessments, and a local massage therapist offered 10 minute neck and back massages. 24 vendors were in attendance. The program was very well received, and will more than likely take place again next year.

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The Renters Rebate Program began on May 17.

The May 26 Membership meeting included a recital by Calendar House Tap Dancers led by Evelyn Casale and vocalist Lucien Plante; 178 people attended.

Under "Correspondence", Mr. Verderame reported on the June 1 Department Heads Meeting which he was not able to attend. Time cards and Annual Report will need to be turned in by July 30. Mr. Verderame will meet with Mr. Temchin regarding the Annual Report. Mr. Verderame commented on how important he feels it is for Department Heads to meet with Mr. Weichsel each month.

A memo was received from the ARC of Southington advising that as of May 18, Sandra Amato was chosen as interim Executive Director, replacing Gail Ford.

Youth Honor Day, held on June 8, brought us Kyle Belinger, who was a delightful young man who interacted well with our seniors.

We were informed by the Health Department that our Food Service Permit was renewed.

Under "Old Business", Mr. Verderame reported that a locking cabinet had been put in place for our new audiovisual system.

He also reported that the date of August 25 had been set for the Fifth Anniversary of the Computer Lab. Festivities will begin at 1:30 with SeniorNet personnel and all involved in the success of our lab included. Commission members are invited to attend.

The Health Department inspected the location chosen for the new ice machine. It was recommended that a cabinet be made to keep the machine off of the floor, and in doing so the location was okayed.

Under "New Business", Mr. Temchin informed the Commission that one bid was submitted for the custodial contract. Cuzzi Custom Cleaning, the current contractor submitted a bid of \$16.50 per hour, which is the same dollar amount as last year. The Commission discussed with Mr. Verderame the satisfaction level in the work performed. After some discussion, a motion was made by Peter Santago to accept the bid for the custodial contract for the upcoming year, the motion was seconded by Connie Proll. Contingent on receipt of insurance information, the contract will be awarded.

A letter was brought before the Commission regarding the Five/Six Year Capital Project Plan. After some discussion the letter was approved as is and will be delivered to Mr. Weichsel.

Under “Public Communication”, Membership President, Cliff Snow welcomed Michael Rossi to the Commission and publicly thanked Len Hudak for his involvement in Membership functions.

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A motion was made by Peter Santago to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Barrasso,  
Calendar House Secretary