

Sherman Commission on Aging

Minutes

June 17, 2013

Present: Jeanette Perlman, co-chair. Jill Finch, Carol Voorhees, John Jenner, Lorna Barrett. Beth Trott, director of Social Services. Guests: Pat Bailey, David Hopkins. Lynne Gomez, clerk.

Minutes: the minutes of May 13 were approved as read.

Director's Report: Beth reported that the budget passes and Lynne's hours were increased to 10.6 for Social Services and 5.4 for the Senior Center. In the fall, Beth will get 2 social work grad students as interns. Other budget news included a discussion of FISH. Beth also has a copier representative coming in to evaluate the copier situation.

Guest Pat Bailey discussed the ADA compliance needs at the Sherman Senior Center. Pat has cochlear implants and has requested for years the addition of an induction loop at the center and other town buildings. Beth and Jeanette agreed to identify what is lacking and identify some grant sources to help pay for the solution. However, Jeanette did not see the sense in spending funds on the present building, which does not accommodate seniors well. The building lacks adequate parking, it can only handle one event at a time and the acoustics are horrible for seniors. However, making it as accessible as possible, including to the hearing impair, is a legal matter. ADA is useless unless enforced. Jeanette suggested identifying what can be done immediately and what is required to meet compliance.

Coordinator of Senior Center report: Inspection of the Senior Van is pending. Revised Transportation Policy was read with one correction: under Alcohol section, cross out Senior Center. A microphone system will be purchased for the van.

CT Legislative Session and discussion of Liveable Communities: tabled to July meeting.

Housing Update: Jeanette encouraged members to attend the evening meeting of Housing Commission. She reported that Park and Rec liked the new plan for access road, which is south of Church Drive and does not go near gardens or fields.

Volunteer Fair: Set for June 29. Goal: to get volunteer organizations together and seek new volunteer base.

Oral History: Set for June 21 at 2. Panels, podium, cookies, coffee and lemonade are set.

Next meeting: July 15 or July 22. To be determined.

Next meeting of Volunteer Group: Aug. 10 at 8:30 a.m. at Senior Center. Bagels and spreads. Coffee.

Motion to Adjourn: 10:28 a.m.

Submitted,

Lynne Gomez
Clerk.