

**Mansfield Commission on Aging Minutes**  
**9:30 AM – Senior Center**  
**September 13, 2010**

PRESENT: T. Quinn (Chair), S. Gordon, A. Holinko, C. Pellegrine, Joan Terry (guest), Tom Rogers, K. Doeg, J. Scottron, J. Quarto, K. Grunwald (staff), C. Dainton (staff), B. Lavoie (staff), Lida Bilokur (guest)

REGRETS: C. Phillips, W. Bigl, M. Thatcher

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair T. Quinn called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
- II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.
- III. **Acceptance of Minutes:** The minutes of the **June 14** meeting were accepted as written, noting that K. Grunwald was not present.
- IV. **Correspondence** – Chair and Staff: none.
- V. **New Business**
  - A. **Report of Nominating Committee:** C. Phillips, chair of the committee, was not present. J. Quarto reported that Don Nolan has agreed to serve as a member of the Commission to replace Carol Phillips. Appointment approved unanimously. Ken Doeg's position still needs to be filled. T. Quinn thanked him for his service to the Commission.
  - B. **Committee Goals/Plans for 2010/2011:**

The following are the goals for the current year:

    - Ensure that the needs of seniors continue to be represented in the Town's strategic planning initiative.
    - Implement recommendations from the long-range plan, focusing on the priority issues of transportation, information dissemination, senior center space needs, and access to public meetings.
    - Promote the development of a new Senior Center as a future initiative for the Town Council to consider.

C. Pellegrine sees these as ongoing goals. J. Quarto reported that she has been involved with a sub-committee to look at a new Senior Center, and they reviewed possibly using one of the elementary schools. The decision about a new elementary school needs to be decided before that option can proceed. K. Doeg feels that the Commission should still be promoting the development of a new Senior Center. The Commission adopted these as continuing goals for this year; will add a goal to complete the update of the Long Range Plan.

C. "Other": none.

## VI. **Optional Reports** on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations

### A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – B. Lavoie distributed a copy of her report for May-July to give the Commission a sense of the number of clients that she has served and categories of assistance provided. She is facilitating one support group currently for individuals with low vision and would like to offer additional groups, including one for caregivers. A. Holinko expressed interest in that type of group. There will be an announcement in the next issue of Sparks.

### B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – C. Dainton introduced herself and distributed copies of her report for May-August. She suggested that people take a look at the bulletin boards, which have recently been cleaned up and organized. There is a UConn student interning and a possibility of more.

Senior Center Assoc. –T. Rogers reported that he has been pleased to be working collaboratively with the new Senior Center Coordinator.

### C. Housing

Assisted Living Advisory Committee: K. Grunwald provided an update from Masonicare.

Wrights Way: T. Rogers reported that John Adamcik has been in touch with Public Works and is waiting for the bus shelter to be built. J. Quarto asked if the Commission can do anything to move this along? T. Rogers feels that the Commission should just take note at this time.

Juniper Hill: no representative.

Jensen's Park: no report.

Glen Ridge: no report.

### D. Related Town and Regional Organizations such as:

Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Resources of Eastern CT: no reports.

## VII. **Old Business**

A. Long Range Plan Update: discussion of the update of "At Your Fingertips", which B. Lavoie has taken on as a goal. The suggestion was made to have it available on the town's website along with having a hard copy as well.

B. Volunteer Driver Program Update: J. Quarto reports that the committee has continued to meet on a bi-weekly basis. K. Grunwald added that the Town is attempting to hire a coordinator for this program.

C. Triad (W. Bigl): T. Quinn reported that the Commission has recommended involvement to the Town. K. Grunwald added that there will be a ceremony at the Senior Center on October 20 to introduce the program; all are invited. Triad will

start with a “Yellow Dot” safety program, and will also operate a medication “take back” program following that.

**VIII. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission**

Lida Bilokur reported that she and Joan Terry have volunteered to work with Barbara on updating “At Your Fingertips” and have done some work on that.

**IX. Adjournment**

Next meeting: **Tuesday, October 12, 2010** at 9:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald