

Mansfield Commission on Aging Minutes
9:30 AM – Senior Center
January 10, 2011

PRESENT: K. Grunwald (staff), M. Thatcher, J. Quarto, A. Holinko, Joan Terry (guest), B. Lavoie (staff), S. Gordon, A. Poirier, C. Dainton (staff), T. Rogers, J. Adamcik, W. Bigl, C. Pellegrine (Vice-Chair)
REGRETS: D. Nolan, T. Quinn

I. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chair C. Pellegrine called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. A. Holinko reported that T. Quinn is still at MCNR.

II. **Appointment of Recording Secretary:** K. Grunwald agreed to take minutes for the meeting.

III. Acceptance of Minutes: Note that C. Pellegrine is not staff. The minutes of the **December 13, 2010** meeting were accepted with that correction.

IV. **Correspondence** – Chair and Staff: none.

V. **New Business**

- A. Report of Nominating Committee: J. Quarto nominated Joan Terry to become a new member of the Commission on Aging. The nomination was unanimously accepted, and she will be recommended to the Town Council for appointment to the Commission.
- B. “Other”: none.

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

A. Health Care Services

Wellness Center and Wellness Program – B. Lavoie has contacted the Montville COA and has received permission to use their resource directory as a template for “At Your Fingertips.” A student will be working with Barbara on revising this. Four people have expressed interest in working as an advisory group to look at senior health services. In February a Caregiver’s Support Group will be starting; co-led with Barbara by Maryann Donato. Another student will be working with Barbara to complete emergency medical forms.

B. Social, Recreational and Educational

Senior Center – C. Dainton distributed copies of her monthly report. The holiday luncheon in December was very well-attended. T. Rogers asked about fee waivers for Senior Center classes. K. Grunwald reported that the Town Council is reviewing the ordinance.

Senior Center Assoc. –T. Rogers reported that the Association will be creating a nominating committee for offices to be voted on in June. The chorus has not found a new director or accompanist yet.

Volunteer Transportation- Gianna Stebbins reported that there were 14 rides provided in December. There were 3 ride requests during the holidays that we were not able to accommodate due to availability of volunteers.

C. Housing

Assisted Living Advisory Committee: K. Grunwald reported that representatives of Masonicare will be meeting with the UConn Water Authority to discuss the future availability of water for their project.

Wrights Way: J. Adamcik said that they are exploring a grant to improve energy efficiency of the apartments.

Jensen's Park: E. Poirier reported that there will be a diabetic clinic on Jan. 28 with pharmacy students from UConn. He handed out flyers.

Glen Ridge, Juniper Hill, Other: no reports.

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: members reviewed the copy of the Long-Range Plan. The Commission voted unanimously to accept this as the Long-Range Plan, along with a plan to disseminate this to the larger public. J. Terry suggested pulling out the proposed Action Steps from the plan, and K. Grunwald will create a separate document that does this. K. Grunwald suggested looking at publicizing the plan. C. Pellegrine and J. Quarto, A. Holinko will develop a publicity plan.

B. Triad: W. Bigl reported that the last meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The group will be meeting to plan a Drug Take-Back program. They are looking at copying driver's license photos for the Yellow Dot Program. A program on Identity Theft will be held at Jensen's, Mansfield Senior Center, Juniper Hill and Glen Ridge by People's Bank.

VIII. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission: none.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM. Next meeting: **Monday, February 14, 2011** at 9:30 AM at the Senior Center. C. Pellegrine asked members if they would like to consider another time for the meeting. The suggestion was that it be scheduled for a day other than Monday. After some discussion it was agreed that the meeting time will not be changed for now. A. Holinko and J. Terry announced that they will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald