

**Commission on Aging and Handicapped
Minutes
April 5, 2005**

Commissioners Present: Lee Hoffman, Linda Rickard, Gale Deming, Estelle LaBarre, Stephany Wall, Judy Swade, Shirley Hallett

Staff Liaison: None

Excused: Nancy Casasanta, Sue Viner

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Communications from Commissioners and Liaison Person:

Estelle:

The tax program at the Senior Center has successfully ended. They electronically filed 270 returns.

Stephany:

The police are ticketing for handicapped parking violations as observed at Battiston's in the Windsor Shopping Center.

Judy:

The Bethel Sisters are presenting a program featuring Disabilities on April 17 at 9:30.

Lee:

He has received a letter from Adapt of CT requesting a list of handicapped assessable housing in Windsor. This will be given to John Pier and Bernadette Connors. Lee will send them our brochure on Handicapped assessable restaurants.

Estelle passed out the April Senior Center Newsletters for Kathleen.

Communications from the Public:

None

Minutes:

Judy's name should be added to those in attendance.

CIP report should have been -

The Capital Improvements Plan, which includes a proposal for a Senior Center, was submitted to the Town Council on February 7. At the February 22 meeting the CIP will be turned over to the Town Improvements Committee for review. The Senior Center portion of the CIP will be looked at and discussed on March 1. Their meeting starts at 7:30 at town hall.

Gale made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Judy seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Senior Center and CIP – Stephany Wall

Stephany attended the Town Improvements Committee meeting on March 14. The Senior Center has been included in the CIP. All projects that have to do with new buildings or the renovation of existing

buildings is going to be turned over to the Public Buildings Commission to review and see how best to proceed with each project. Results of this study should be available in 6 to 9 months.

2006 Milo Peck – needs a roof and gutters – phase I
Early Childhood Center what is now Walcott (all day kindergarten) = \$14million

2008 Senior Center – possible new building = \$6 million, not including land

2007 \$3.5 million in renovations to L.P. Wilson –

- adding to the cafeteria area;
- enclosing the court yard and main entrance to make offices for Rec. & Social Services;
- give the seniors their offices to use for programs;
- add to the Caring Connection area;
- remodel existing areas;
- reconfigure driveways and parking.

The Committee voted and accepted the proposed CIP for the coming year.

Joint Project with Human Relations Commission – Linda Rickard

The Committee has a moderator for the Inclusions program, which is scheduled for May 26, beginning at 6:30 PM. The evening will consist of refreshments, viewing the tape we saw during our meeting, panel discussions, break out groups and then a summation of the evening.

Additional panel members are needed, but several people are being asked.

Invitation lists are being formed. Please submit names to Linda, Judy or Stephany.

Dial-a-ride will be available that evening.

New Business:

Annual Report to the Town Council – Lee Hoffman

Lee shared with the Commission a booklet on Tax Relief prepared by the Town of Windsor. The first item in the book relates to people over 65, but it does say that in the title.

The presentation to the Town Council went very well, but Lee is not sure the Council is going to take any action toward forming a committee to look at tax relief options as Lee suggested.

Discussion followed and it was decided that Lee would draft a letter proposing that the Council form a committee to look into property tax relief for seniors and persons with disabilities and make a final vote on their approach to tax relief.

Lee made a motion to send this letter to the Town Council for their June meeting. Seconded by Gale. Motion passed.

Linda and Gale will serve as the nominating committee.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephany Wall