

**Commission on Aging and Handicapped
Minutes
March 1, 2005**

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

Staff Liaison: Kathleen Marschall, Windsor Senior Center

Excused: Nancy Casasanta

Members of the Public: John Merrill

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Communications from Commissioners and Liaison Person:

Estelle LaBarre said she thought Ruth Fahrback should be commended for all her hard work regarding tax relief.

Sue Viner asked about an updated list of commissioners.
Kathleen will have that at the April meeting.

Communication from the Public:

None.

Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2005 meeting:

The minutes were reviewed and corrected. Sue Viner made a motion and Gale Deming seconded the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

Old Business:

• **Senior Center and CIP-Stephany Wall**

Stephany spoke with Peter Souza. The CIP was presented to the Town Improvements Committee and approved it. The Senior Center project will be looked at by the Public Building Commission to determine the best use of all the buildings on the CIP.

• **Report on Joint Project with Human Relations Commission**

Linda Rickard and Judy Swade attended the second meeting. They invited several people from the Town, but only Paul Norris, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services and Elizabeth Feser, Superintendent of Schools attended.

They would like to have an evening event, possibly a panel including people with disabilities. They are also looking in to who should facilitate the event.

March 14 will be the next meeting.

Judy Swade said that Elizabeth Feser gave them some good ideas. Judy talked to Bernadette for feedback on who should sit on the panel.

New Business:

- **Senior Property Tax Relief-Develop proposal for Town Council 3/21/05 meeting**
Lee Hoffman distributed information from The Connecticut State Statutes for Tax Relief regarding optional property tax relief for certain homeowners 65 and over. Lee spoke with Steve Kosofsky and Peter Souza about appointing a tax relief committee.

A discussion ensued regarding the committee.

Estelle LaBarre pointed out that that the state of Wisconsin provides loans for property taxes and the loan is repaid with interest from the sale of the property.

Stephany Wall made a motion that part of the report to Council at the 3/21/05 meeting include a recommendation that they look into forming a committee to look into property tax relief for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Lee suggested that one of the commissioners from the COA sit on the committee.

Lee will present our recommendation at the 3/21/05 Council meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Marschall