

**Commission on Aging and Handicapped
Minutes
October 3, 2006**

Commissioners Present: John Merrill, Shirley Hallett, Sue Viner, Estelle LaBarre, Lee Hoffman, Linda Rickard, Stephany Wall

Excused: Gale Deming, Pat Hays

Staff Liaison: Kathleen Marschall, Windsor Senior Center

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

Communication from Commissioners and Liaison Person:

Sue Viner finished delivering the handicapped accessible restaurant brochures to the hotels and the Police Department. She also said she saw a newspaper article from Narragansett Rhode Island that said the handicapped parking fee was \$100 for the first offense, \$175 for the second, and \$325 for the third.

Lee Hoffman announced that the Poquonock Elementary School formally opened their "All Access Playground."

Lee also let commissioners know if they had items they wanted on the agenda, to let him know a couple of weeks in advance.

Kathleen distributed the October newsletter and highlighted upcoming programs at the Senior Center. She announced the upcoming Health Fair with the flu and pneumonia shot clinic which will be held on November 8 and an evening clinic to be held on November 13.

Communication from Public:

None.

Minutes:

The minutes from the June 6, 2006 meeting were reviewed, corrections were made and minutes accepted.

Old Business:

• **Forum on Inclusion - Scheduling Viewing of DVD**

Linda Rickard said she will be presenting to The Lions Club in November.

Sue Viner spoke with The Historical Society, they would like a presentation, and Sue said she would prefer not to do the presentation.

Estelle LaBarre contacted The Windsor Women's Club; they are also interested in a presentation, possibly at their January meeting.

Lee Hoffman will talk to The Early Childhood Council at their meeting next week about scheduling a presentation.

Lee also announced that Pat Hays is working with The Civitan Club to schedule a presentation.

- **Property Tax Relief - New Ideas**

Lee asked the commission if they had any new ideas they would like to address regarding this issue.

Linda Rickard and Sue Viner said they saw an article in the newspaper about a tax relief program for seniors in Simsbury.

John Merrill said he thought it was a tax deferred program as opposed to a tax forgiveness program; taxes are abated while someone is living in the home.

A discussion ensued about this topic.

- **Restaurant Brochure**

Lee Hoffman collected the remaining surveys from commissioners.

- **Walgreen's**

Lee Hoffman said that Walgreen's outreach website is up and running for their South Carolina facility. The site includes job descriptions for various positions and also has information regarding training and open houses.

Lee spoke with Randy Lewis from Walgreen's and he expressed his concern about transportation for potential employees.

New Business:

None

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Marschall