

**Commission on Aging and Handicapped
Minutes
June 5, 2007**

Commissioners Present: L'Amour Howell, Linda Rickard, Stephany Wall, John Merrill, Susan Viner, Estelle LaBarre

Excused: Lee Hoffman, Pat Hays

Staff Liaison: Kathleen Marschall, Windsor Senior Center

Also Present: Deborah Boemmels, Caring Connection Coordinator
Keith Boemmels

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Communication from Commissioners and Liaison Person:

Susan Viner said the state of Connecticut is raising the fine for handicapped parking violations to \$150.00 for the first offense and \$250.00 for the second offense. She also said there is a fine if a tag is not returned.

L'Amour Howell shared that she had some information on grant opportunities that she will pass on to Kathleen at the Senior Center.

Linda Rickard said that Newington passed tax relief for seniors.
Linda also asked if the commission had any vacancies.

Stephany Wall received a thank you note from the Senior Center for the donation that was made in recognition of Lee Hoffman's service as chairperson.

Kathleen Marschall distributed the newsletter and highlighted upcoming events at the Senior Center.

Communication from the Public:

Deborah Boemmels and Keith Boemmels introduced themselves to the commission.

New Business:

- **Caring Connection**

Deborah Boemmels, Caring Connection Coordinator, explained all about the Caring Connection Adult Day Health Center and asked if any of the commissioners had visited. She invited the commission to have one of their meetings there. She handed out brochures that are specifically targeted at "baby boomers" and the "sandwich generation." These brochures will be at Geissler's supermarkets. Deborah continued by explaining all the programs at the Caring Connection.

A discussion ensued about this topic.

Deborah also announced the Caring Connection will be celebrating their 20th anniversary this year.

Deborah has talked with Emily Moon, Assistant Town Manager, about starting a 5013c, which would make them eligible for additional grants, and wanted to get feedback from the commission about this.

A discussion ensued.

Sue Viner suggested advertising that people can make donations to the Caring Connection in memory of someone.

Minutes:

The minutes from the May 1, 2007 meeting was reviewed, and accepted as written.

Old Business:

- **Crosswalk Safety**

Sue Viner has not heard anything from Chief of Police Searles. Sue would like to wait until the fall to contact the chief again.

- **Restaurant Brochure**

Linda Rickard spoke to Jane Garibay at The Chamber of Commerce. They are unable to underwrite the cost of the brochure, but they do have a website that lists all the restaurants in town, and we could have a link to our brochure if we were willing to take ownership of maintaining the site.

Sue Viner and Linda Rickard will meet and review the web site.

New Business:

- **Election of New Officers:**

The following slate of officers was proposed:

Stephany Wall: Chairperson

Linda Rickard: Vice-Chairperson

Stephany Wall asked if there were any other nominations, there were none.

Sue Viner made a motion to elect the slate of officers, John Merrill seconded. A vote was taken, motion passed and the officers elected.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Marschall

