

**Commission on Aging and Handicapped
Minutes
January 2, 2007**

Commissioners Present: Lee Hoffman, John Merrill, Sue Viner, Randy McKinney, Linda Rickard, Pat Hays

Excused: Estelle LaBarre

Staff Liaison: Kathleen Marschall, Windsor Senior Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Communication from Commissioners and Liaison Person:

Randy McKenney distributed handouts from BESB regarding their website and how people with visual impairments can assess 911.

Lee Hoffman said the commission is shorthanded with the resignation of Gale Deming and Shirley Hallett. Lee asked if anyone knows of someone who might be interested to contact him or the town Republicans.

Kathleen distributed the January newsletter and discussed some upcoming events. She also announced that free tax assistance will be available every Monday and Thursday in February and March at the senior center. Appointments can be made by calling the senior center.

She also distributed an updated mailing list for commissioners.

Communication from Public:

None

Minutes:

The minutes from the December 5, 2006 meeting was reviewed, corrections made and minutes accepted.

Old Business:

- **Forum on Inclusion**

Linda Rickard attended the meeting with The Human Relations Commission on December 13.

Linda has a script that is available for people to use when presenting to groups.

- **Restaurant Brochure**

Lee Hoffman announced we have put this project on hold for now.

New Business

- **Crosswalk Safety (Susan Viner)**

Lee Hoffman passed out two articles regarding this topic.

Susan Viner discussed a plan for crosswalk safety that she experienced in Kingstown Rhode Island and is being used in other communities. The plan involves flags that pedestrians would take and wave while they are crossing the street to increase their visibility.

Sue did point out two disadvantages that were in the articles:

- 1) People thought the flag receptacles were garbage cans.
- 2) Flags were stolen.

Sue felt this may be something to think about in the future for Windsor.

A discussion ensued about this topic.

- **Council Report**

Lee Hoffman announced that we are scheduled to present a report to town council on the third Monday of March.

He would like commissioners to think about what we would like to highlight in our report.

- **Priorities for 2007**

Lee Hoffman said he felt the restaurant brochure and the Forum on Inclusion are pretty much finished for now.

He asked commissioners what they would like to focus on for 2007.

Linda Rickard suggested focusing on Walgreen's coming to town and the issues surrounding that, particularly transportation.

Lee said he was attending a transportation meeting on January 18 and would try and get information.

Randy McKenney suggested sponsoring speakers or workshops.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Marschall