

**Commission on Aging and Handicapped
Minutes
March 6, 2007**

Commissioners Present: John Merrill, Randy McKenney, Lee Hoffman, Susan Viner, Stephany Wall, Linda Rickard, Pat Hays, L'Amour Howell

Excused: Estelle LaBarre

Staff Liaison: Kathleen Marschall, Windsor Senior Center

Members of the Public: Bob Hartman

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

Communication from Commissioners and Liaison Person:

Randy McKenney handed out information regarding the proposed bill regarding funds for municipalities for pedestrian signals.

Sue Viner said she read an article in the Courant about West Hartford's revaluation coming up and that they are trying to offer seniors some tax relief.

Linda Rickard read an article in the Courant about housing for seniors and people with disabilities and the issues particularly with people who have drug and alcohol problems.

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

Communication from the Public:

Bob Hartman of 271 Merriman Road said he was walking from the High School to Loomis Chaffee and there were several sidewalks that were not cleared of snow. He was wondering if there were any groups like the Boy Scouts or Fire Explorers that have showed interest in assisting people who cannot shovel their walks. He is willing to try and organize volunteers and was interested in input from the commission.

A discussion ensued regarding this topic.

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 6, 2007 meeting was reviewed, corrections made and minutes accepted.

Old Business:

- **Forum on Inclusion**

Stephany Wall presented to The Historical Society board. They did have a DVD player available; otherwise she would not have been able to show the program.

Stephany also contacted The Junior Women's Club, but has had no response back.

- **Crosswalk Safety**

Susan Viner offered to approach First Town Downtown and the Police Department to discuss the idea of using flags for pedestrians in crosswalks.

Lee Hoffman made a motion to have Sue approach First Town Downtown and the Police, motion passed.

- **Council Report**

Lee Hoffman asked what the commission would like him to report to Town Council.

The suggestions were:

- The Forum on Inclusion
- Crosswalk safety
- The restaurant brochure
- Tax relief for seniors
- Snow removal on walkways

It was also suggested that a goal of ours should be to further develop a relationship with Walgreen's

- **Nominating Committee**

Lee Hoffman asked if anyone would like to volunteer to be on the nominating committee with him.

Pat Hays volunteered.

New Business:

- **Snow Removal**

No discussion at this time.

Sue Viner discussed the issue of newspaper boxes, and how congested the area near the post office is.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Marschall