

Minutes
Commission on Aging, Town of Seymour
Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 2011
Norman Ray House
10:00 AM

Members of the Commission present: Joan Gee, , Bonnie Wilkes, Evelyn Molner, Harry Marks;
Excused- Phyllis Jachimowski
Also present: Anastasia Timpko, Shady Knoll; Bonnie Chevarella-RSC from Ray House, and
several residents of the Ray House.

- The meeting was called to **order** at 10:22 AM.
- All present recited the **Pledge of Allegiance**.
- **Public Comment-** Bonnie (from the Ray House) thanked the Commission for their donation of a \$25 gift card for the Ray House craft fair and raffle.
A discussion was held about the recent storm and loss of power for an extended time. Bonnie Chevarella stated that food was supplied to the residents of Ray House from Smithfield Gardens, although residents did have to pay. Ray House has a small generator in the Community room, which provided for limited lights, coffee, etc. Bonnie Chevarella expressed her concern about the residents who use oxygen. It is not clear who is responsible to provide a generator in these situations. It was agreed that Smithfield Gardens played a major role in assisting the Town in the storm and we are fortunate to have the facility as part of our infrastructure. Anastasia (from Shady Knoll) stated that this recent storm was an indication that Seymour needs a master plan to deal with such disasters. Many deficiencies were brought to light-transportation, oxygen, outreach to isolated elderly, among others. All in attendance agreed that the development of a plan should be a priority and it should be developed in concert with the surrounding towns. The Commission would like to be involved in the plan development.
- The **minutes** of the 10-26-2011 meeting were approved as presented. Motion -Harry Marks, Second – Evelyn Molner.
- **Senior Center Director 's Report-**tabled, as Lucy McConlogue not in attendance. .
- **Other Business-** The schedule of the Commission meetings for the year 2012 will be prepared. The same schedule will be followed, with meetings also held at the Ray House and the Callahan House. All members of the Commission expressed interest in being reappointed to the Commission in 2012. A year end report is being prepared , with recommendations, which will be presented to the First Selectman.
- **Prepare Agenda for Next Meeting-** A Standard agenda will be prepared.
- **Public Comment-** Anastasia, from Shady Knoll, stated she is accepting donations for both their food bank and also a Hat and Mitten tree. She also stated that Shady Knoll will bring an Exercise Demo (for balance and movement) to Ray House. The residents expressed their interest in the program.

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.
Motion-Harry Marks
Second-Evelyn Molner
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie C. Wilkes
Secretary, Commission on Aging