

Minutes
Commission on Aging
Special Meeting
September 22, 2010
Seymour Senior Center
10:00 AM

Members of the Commission present: Joan Gee, Harry Marks, Bonnie Wilkes, Phyllis Jachimowski;

In Attendance: Senior Center Director Lucy McConologue
First Selectman Paul Roy and members of the public were also present.

- The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM.
- All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Public Comment**- There was no public comment at this time.
- **The minutes of 8-25-10 were approved as presented.**
Motion- Harry Marks
Second- Phyllis Jachimowski
All in favor.
- Lucy McConologue submitted the Senior Center Director's report. The report was accepted as presented. Lucy also reported the computers at the senior center were down for a few days.
Motion-Joan Gee
Second-Phyllis Jachimowski
All in favor.
- The issue of volunteers at the Senior Center was again discussed. This is a follow up to the meeting of 7/28/10 asking for an implementation plan. Lucy stated she will look at the priorities. Lucy states she will prepare a list. Anastasia Timko from Shady Knoll stated the needs of the community are many. Lucy will e-mail a list to Anastasia for comment and coordination.
- There was no Executive Session.
- **Other Business:** Paul Roy stated that two voting districts will be using the community center on Election Day, resulting in heavy traffic. The Senior Center may close that day.
Joan Gee stated she attended the monthly meeting of the Senior Citizens groups at the Senior Center on 9/13/10. She states she was treated disrespectfully and is concerned that such behavior is allowed at the Center.
The issue of the recommendations presented to the Board of Selectman from the Commission

on Aging was discussed. A meeting will be held with Paul Roy, Lucy McConologue, and a member of the Commission.

The issue of dues paid to the Senior Center was discussed. Currently, the funds go to the Seymour Center Citizens Group, not the town. In other towns, senior center groups use funds(not collected from dues, but from fundraisers), to better the center and help other seniors. This issue will be addressed by the First Selectman.

Joan Gee raised the issue of the Senior Publications-a free newsletter can be produced for the center. The company secures the advertisers to fund it. In addition to center activities, it can be filled with community activities and items of interest to seniors. Postage costs were discussed and this is a continuing agenda item. A suggestion was made by a member of the public that the Seymour Seymour Citizens' group be asked for a donation to cover some mailings. The Commission requested that Lucy look at the publications of other towns in the area to see the content and what is offered. A motion was made to implement the production use of the newsletter through Senior Publications. Motion-Phyllis Jachimowski, Second-Harry Marks. All in favor..

- The agenda was prepared for the 10-27-10 Special Meeting.
- **Public Comment-** Anastasia Timko from Shady Knoll will bring a program and food to the Senior Center on December 9, 2:00 P.M. The social work department at Shady Knoll will present "Compassion Fatigue". This is a free program. Bonnie Wilkes volunteered to lead a book club/discussion at the Senior Center in the future.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM.
Motion-Harry Marks, Second, Phyllis Jachimowski. All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie C. Wilkes
Secretary, Commission on Aging