

Commission on Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
May 18, 2009

Present: Chair Christine Robertson; Kathy Brennan; Marion Freer; Alice Kenny;
Mary Morrisroe; Mary Ann O'Grady; Sheila Silverman; Eileen Wilson

Minutes

Minutes of the April 20, 2009, meeting were sent to members for review prior to this meeting. The Chair called for changes or corrections, mentioning that certain things had changed since the meeting. One correction: the \$100 for the Commission was denied from the town budget. Mary Ann O'Grady moved that the minutes be approved with correction. Kathy Brennan seconded the motion. All approved.

Commission Membership

Chair Robertson reported that the Town Charter says that members of a Commission must attend two thirds of that group's meeting or be considered for removal. Meeting time for this Commission will be changed to 2:30 p.m. as of the June 15, 2009 meeting. This change is to accommodate members' attendance. The Board of Selectmen will consider reappointment of four members of this Commission at their meeting on May 20. The meeting can be viewed on Channel 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Speakers

Mrs. Robertson advised that State Rep. John Frey will be the speaker at the June meeting of this Commission. Capt. Clifford Scharf of the Ridgefield Police is our speaker today. Capt. Scharf advised that a TRIAD Survey had been developed and asked that Commission members review and discuss its contents. Copies of the Survey were distributed (attached). Members all agreed that they were afraid of identity theft and discussed ways of preventing it (shredding, etc.) Capt. Scharf outlined various ways that your identity or credit card numbers can be "stolen"—even at a bank "ATM"! Continuing through the survey, he asked if members felt comfortable about reporting suspicious activities to the police and if anyone had been the victim of a scam or fraud? Members had not, but were very aware of the problems, particularly for seniors. Capt. Scharf also provided members with an Alzheimer's Registration Form for the Ridgefield Police. Capt. Scharf and members discussed the need for such information. At 10 a.m., Chair Robertson thanked Capt. Scharf, advising that the meeting was being adjourned to enable members to attend the meeting on Ridgefield SweeHART service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Morrisroe, Secretary