



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
Commission on Aging

Commission on Aging
Minutes of the Meeting
August 17, 2009

Present: Chair Christine Robertson; Kathy Brennan; Alice Kenny Lucas; Sheila Silverman

AMENDED PER SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Absent: Marion Freer, Mary Morrisroe, Mary Ann O'Grady, and Eileen Wilson

The meeting was called to order at 2:39 a.m. by Chair, Christine Robertson.

Minutes

Minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting were sent to members for their review prior to this meeting. The Chair asked if there were any corrections or changes in the minutes. It was noted that in the section on Ridgefield Tax Deferment Program that the 60 day deferment, "...to extend the period of time after the death of the taxpayer from the current 60 days to six months before increasing the per cent interest on the amount due" is incorrect. While the deferral was discussed as being 60 days, in fact, the town ordinance has never been amended to reflect that. The July minutes need not be amended. Sheila Silverman moved that the minutes be accepted. Kathy Brennan seconded the motion. All present agreed.

Guest Speaker: Eloise Barron, Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association, the new Coordinator of the Quality Living at Home Program

Ms. Barron met with the commission to introduce herself; update it on the expanded program; and ask for input on potential program activities. She highlighted:

- The program goal is to empower people who remain at home to be safe, healthy and socially connected to community resources. Basically it is starting as a resource center and will use the town's Directory of Services for Seniors and Residents as starting point.
- Program kick-off is tentatively scheduled for November 1 in the town Community Center.
- There is a planning meeting Sunday, August 26, Alice Kenny volunteered to participate.
- Refer to attach presentation and material for additional details.

Continuing Business

Ridgefield Tax Deferment Program

The Commission on Aging has asked the Board of Selectmen to consider, "...extend(ing) the period of time after the death of the taxpayer ... to six months before increasing the per cent interest on the amount due." As discussed in the commission's July, 2009 minutes. Because the town ordinance has not been amended, this request has been added to the agenda of the August 19, Board of Selectmen Meeting. Commission Chair, Christine Robertson, has asked all available commission members to attend the August 19 meeting.

Ridgefield Directory of Services for Seniors and Residents

The directory was listed in an internet search done by Eloise Barron, RVNA. The commission acknowledged Ridgefield's town technical team for updating the key words so the directory is found in searches.

Proposed Meeting of Area Commissions on Aging

The meeting was discussed and the invitee list reviewed. It is noted that the town of Wilton does not have a Commission on Aging, it has a Commission on Social Services. This commission will not be invited to the meeting. All other commissions have been invited but none have yet responded. The meeting is scheduled: 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, October 3, 2009, in the large conference room of Ridgefield Town Hall. While the purpose of the meeting is to enable regional town Commissions on Aging to meet and exchange ideas, it will be open to the public.

Senior Energy Fund

Chris Robertson updated the commission on her receipt of a \$5,000 grant for SPIF from the Leir Foundation. The grant came to Ms. Robertson as the representative of SPIF, not the Commission on Aging.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be Monday September 21, 2009 in the small conference room, Ridgefield Town Hall at 2.30 p.m. Anyone requiring assistance due to disability is requested to contact the Chair, Christine Robertson on 438-6165.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Kenny Lucas, Member of the Commission on Aging