

Commission on Aging  
Minutes of the Meeting  
February 28, 2011

Present: Chair Christine Robertson; Kathy Brennan; Marion Freer; Alice Kenny Lucas; Mary Morrisroe; Sheila Silverman; Eileen Wilson

Absent: Mary Ann O'Grady

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Christine Robertson, Chair. Mrs. Robertson advised that our speaker, Carole Konner, Director of Ridgefield Social Services, was unable to attend this meeting. Mrs. Konner had to attend a meeting of the Ridgefield Housing Authority. A brief discussion followed, with the Chair noting that Ellen Scott is still at Ballard Green.

#### Minutes

Since there had been a problem in the distribution of the Minutes, members reviewed copies available—no corrections or changes noted. Sheila Silverman moved that the Minutes be accepted as written. Alice Kenny Lucas seconded the motion. All present agreed.

#### Mall Bus

Chris Robertson reported that Carole Konner had advised her that the bus could be postponed during winter months if we wanted. Chris received an invoice for \$71.49 for the December bus. General discussion followed re publicity for the bus, the length of time spent at the Mall, etc. Consensus—continue bus.

#### “St. Paddy’s Day Party”

Chair Robertson updated members on plans for this event and outlined the setup for the party at the Parks & Rec Gym.

Residents of Congregate Housing and Ballard Green will receive free tickets and transportation to Parks & Rec will be arranged. All groups having information tables will offer a no charge raffle for various prizes. Since two other groups will have a Stop & Shop gift card, Chris will arrange for a Kohl’s gift card for our table prize. This party will provide information, prizes, entertainment, and lunch! A good time for all is assured!

#### Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge

Two representatives of the Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge, Jessica Bergman and Anastasia Rogich, discussed this program (attached) and asked for this Commission’s support. Ridgefield is one of fourteen (14) towns participating in this program. The goal is to have more than 10% of the households and businesses reduce their energy use by at

least 20%. Households can have energy efficient lighting installed at their home at no cost. This project/challenge is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. Members assured Jessica and Anastasia that we supported the goal.

**RVNA/AARP Safe Driving Course**

Eloise Baron invited members to attend this course which is being offered to the RVNA's volunteer drivers.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Morrisroe, Secretary

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Monday, March 21, 2011, in the small Lower Level Conference Room, Town Hall, at 2:30 p.m.

Anyone requiring special accommodation due to disability is asked to contact Chair Christine Robertson at 203-438-6165.