

**Commission on Aging
Minutes
Wednesday March 18, 2009
Greenwich Senior Center**

Present: Jack Morris, Karen LaMonica, Lori Jackson, Kate Brennan, Chip Serrell, Kristen Browne, Sam Deibler

Guests: Chicky Krois, Laurette Helmrich, Adm. Sr. Center, Ann R. Hagmann, GADC, Kath Burgaeger, Ruth Suh

I. Approval of February 18, 2009 Minutes

II. Chairman's Report:

New Commissioner pending. Candidate has met with Selectman and going forward with process. Hopeful to be at next meeting. Claire Whelan retiring. BOE has completed their report. Not sure what conclusion or results are thus far.

III. Old Business:

No Old Business

IV. New Business:

V. Reports:

- Elderly Tax Relief:

Has been voted on and accepted. Good coverage in media and throughout town to get word out.

-Multipurpose Senior Center:

BOE has completed study. Peter Tesei has been contacted and meeting pending. Other possibilities still being considered for Senior Center.

-Social Services:

No report.

-Nathaniel Witherell:

Director accepted another position announcing he would be leaving. Healing garden and building project reviewed. Admissions are going up for short term services. Staffing, admission and revenue statistics distributed and reviewed.

-Housing/Plan of Conservation and Development:

Letter sent to Diane Fox with housing related endorsements Commission discussed last meeting. Elements of POCD that are most controversial represent a small enough percentage of the entire plan.

-Senior Center Director's Report:

Congressman Tymes will be at senior center for question/answer forum 3/23/09 11-12. Partnership will begin with Abilis 3/23/09 to integrate seniors from that program into community and the senior center. Thanks to all who contributed to a wonderful St. Patrick's Day celebration. Future events may have to be limited if

numbers continue to grow as Civic Center is not available due to structural and safety issues. No status on program coordinator position.

VI. Director's Report:

COA is the lead planning agency for the Senior Health Fair. The Civic Center is not available due to status of building. Alternative venues are being considered. The Arts Council lease is up in June 2010. If the Senior Center still in current location 2010, this will be an active issue.

Chicky took 1500 pictures when she went to South East Asia and will be giving a presentation 4/22/09 10:30

VII. Meeting Adjourned 10:30

Submitted by:

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Secretary