

**Commission on Aging  
Annual Meeting  
Wednesday April 15, 2009  
Greenwich Senior Center**

**Present:** Jack Morris, Karen LaMonica, Lori Jackson, Claire Whelan, Chip Serrell, Kristen Browne, Sam Deibler

**Guests:** Chicky Krois, Laurette Helmrich, Adm. Sr. Center, Gerry Christophersen, Greats, Cristina Pica, Lin Lavery, Selectman, Christine Edwards, Jr. League Task Force

**I. Approval of March 18, 2009 Minutes:**

Minutes approved with the spelling correction of Congressman Himes name.

**II. Chairman's report:**

Chairman Jackson thanked Commissioners and Sam for their efforts and expertise. We have patiently awaited the multipurpose possibilities with no immediate projected solutions. We have worked at crafting our message and have gotten it out there with more work to be done. Lori announced that Claire will be leaving the Commission and thanked her for her time served and efforts.

**III. Election of Officers 2009/2010**

Nominating committees slate for officers 2009/2010:

Chairman:	Lori Jackson
Vice Chairman:	Kate Brennan
Secretary:	Kristen Browne

*Motion to accept slate as presented...Commissioners voted...all in favor...slate accepted.*

**IV. Old Business:**

Meeting with Peter Tesei held two weeks ago. It was brought to his attention that BOE has completed their study. He was informed of eagerness to get Senior Center on its' way.

Various possibilities are still being considered for the Senior Center site.

Senior Tax Relief...Per Ted Gwartny, applications for STR is ahead of last year in terms of numbers of applications and amounts that would be applied to the credit. This is of great concern because BET budget has \$570,000 as ceiling which in relation to last year, if all of last year's people came in at last years income, would be above this ceiling. If current program operates under this ceiling, those from last year would not receive relief this year. The BET will set mill rate once the budget is approved which will be at May RTM meeting. A decision can be made about ceiling at that time. There is a range which is permitted under ordinance. \$570,000 is the floor below which the town will not go. The top level is ½ of 1% of the taxes levied which could be 1.2-1.4 million.

**V. New Business:**

**VI. Reports:**

- **Older American's Month**-May is Older American's Month...theme is "Living today for a Better Tomorrow." Focus has to do with reducing risk of disease, disability and injury through evidenced based approaches. Various community agencies will be presenting different themed programs throughout the month. Scheduling is still in the planning process.
- **Multipurpose Center**-See above.
- **Elderly Tax Relief**-See above
- **Social Services**-No meeting to report on.
- **Nathaniel Witherell**-Minutes distributed and reviewed.
- **Senior Center Director's Report**-Continuing to work on getting the program coordinator position posted. New job description developed. Job will remain in GMEA. Greater number of people using lunch program. Funds will need to be transferred from other lines to meet demands.
- **Director's Report**-
  - \*We have been working in cooperation with staff at the Health Department, Greenwich Hospital and Greenwich Chaplaincy on an advance directive program which is up and running. We have trained people to provide assistance with advanced directives in helping them understand what they are and the process. Trainees have been available at the Center for Healthy Aging library. Trainers continue to train new trainees.
  - \*The Senior Provider Network Meeting at the Senior Center 8:30am 5/6/09.
  - \*Senior Health Fair-COA is the lead agency. Chicky is working hard on where the event will be held. The Civic center roof has been having some leaking issues so alternative venues have been explored including the Hyatt. Also, the vaccine arrival date is dependent upon ordering which will not happen until after the BET votes on the budget in May therefore, the fair dates is still undetermined.
  - \*United Way Housing Task Force-the POCD has in it all of the major issues desired related to inclusionary zoning requirements. Looking at opening up the corridor between I-95 and the Post Road given its' central location, water service, on transportation lines and proper zoning confirm its' suitability for affordable housing.

**V. Adjournment**- Meeting adjourned 10am

Submitted by:

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