



Town of Fairfield

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES March 28, 2013

A meeting of the Human Services Commission was held on Thursday, March 28, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room of the John Sullivan Independence Hall.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Selma Cohen, Chairman; Linda DeLorenzo, Vice Chairman; Marc Andre, Bruce Carter, Nancy Legare, Kevin Lennon
And Bernard Lynch

ALSO PRESENT: Terry Giegengack, Director of the Fairfield Senior Center
Margaret Andrews, Program Director for the Senior Center

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Selma Cohen at 4:05 p.m.

Ms. Cohen welcomed Terry Giegengack, Director of the Fairfield Senior Center, and introduced Bruce Lynch as a new member of the Commission.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Selma Cohen asked for a motion to approve the minutes for February 28, 2013.

Commissioner Bruce Carter moved for approval of the minutes of the February 28, 2013, with the following changes:

Page 2, Paragraph 5 – Change name from Nancy to Linda DeLorenzo.

Page 3, Old Business, 1st sentence – to read as follows: Chairman Selma Cohen reported that Dr. DeAngelis presented the ‘Top Ten’ Study to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Nancy Legare seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. FAIRFIELD SENIOR SERVICES: Terry Giegengack, Dir., Fairfield Senior Services

Ms. Giegengack commented that she was getting adjusted to her new position and has been attending meetings with the Board of Selectman. Ms. Giegengack discussed two new programs to begin in May and another new program to begin in June. These programs will run as 'Pilot' programs for future consideration at the Senior Center.

Ms. Giegengack also noted that she has been working with Mark Barnhart of the Office of Community & Economic Development on the 'SuperStorm' Sandy recovery and said the monies were available for recovery. They have received five applications for assistance from Seniors which have been processed.

Ms. Giegengack reported that the first meeting for all staff at the Senior Center will be on this coming Tuesday.

Ms. Giegengack advised that there Board of Finance will be meeting at the Education Center on Tuesday, April 2, 2012 at 7:30 pm., noting that it was important that all members of this Commission attend.

Ms. Giegengack discussed the 'Feasibility Study' with the Commission, advising that the Center would need \$40,000 to \$60,000 to conduct the study.

3. BOARD OF HEALTH – Kevin Lennon, Liaison

Commissioner Kevin Lennon noted that it was getting difficult for him to act as Liaison to the Board of Health. Commissioner Bruce Carter volunteered to accept the position of Liaison.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Marc Andre reported that he contacted the Home Depot regarding the gym floor at the Senior Center. Mr. Andre said Home Depot will figure the cost and get back to him. He had questions as to whether it will be done gratis or if there will be a fee. Commissioner Kevin Lennon said he will contact Stan Lesser in regard to there being any problems if the Home Depot offers to supply the material and labor.

The Commission discussed the applications for Neighborhood Assistance Act. It was noted that the deadline for applications is April 20, 2013.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

It was reported that the Rotary Club is looking to fund a project in town to celebrate their anniversary as a Service Club.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Helen Millson addressed the need for a more active and involved Board at the Senior Center.

Ms. Pamela Banks commented on the 501c3 group at the Senior Center and the need to do Fund Raising.

Ms. Palma Senatore noted that the by-laws for FSCA Board need to be re-written.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE M. WADI
Recording Secretary

N.B. The next meeting of the Human Services Commission will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, in the first floor conference room of the John J. Sullivan Independence Hall at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes are subject to review, correction, and approval by the Human Services Commission.