

COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

Minutes of June 2, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Bahr Casey, Chair; Margaret Coffin; Theresa Eckstrom; Christopher Evans; Stephen Greenberg; Paul Johnson; Victor Ortiz; Steven Smajkiewicz; Gail Schuyler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Cullinane; Carolyn Grenier; Nick Kaltsas; EXCUSED: Ursula Hanus, Gail Smith, Elaine Wrubel

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Waters, Patty Hainsworth, Linda Wincek-Moore

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Members were reminded of the City Council Budget meeting for Elder Affairs at 4 pm on June 3rd.

The Commission minutes of April 28, 2014 were approved as mailed. m/s/a
The Senior Center Committee Report of 5/13/14 was approved as mailed. m/s/a

Amy highlighted items off the goals and objectives report. State funding has not been finalized yet, but it appears they may fund at \$8/elder. The City Manager will be recommending an almost 11% increase in tax levy which reflects step raises for current staff and includes a new Administrative Assistant position to be the anchor for the ground floor and assist current staff. A meeting was held with the Fallon Community Health Benefits staff and they've accepted a mini-grant application for the Your Health is Golden Program. Amy reported she will be submitting a grant to them for the Senior Support Team also. The renewal grant for CMAA to fund the osteoporosis prevention program has been submitted. Amy reported that the Friends of the Worcester Senior Center's new newsletter idea has been put on hold because their Director has resigned. The Safeway Transportation contract has been renewed for FY 15. A staff training was held on Motivational Interviewing. The School Dept. recognized Suki Lapin for her work coordinating the intergenerational programs with Union Hill School. The building is 100% occupied and 5 leases are in the process of being signed, one of which is a new lease being written for a small counseling room in the clinic for Seniors Helping Seniors. The Senior Scoop newsletter agreement has been approved for the upcoming year.

Patty reported on programs and facility issues. The Community Garden has been planted, the new multi-media system will be installed in the lunchroom this week. There were many successful programs held during May and the Summer Concert series begins on 6/27. The Father's Day event will feature a baked potato bar and for Memorial Day there will be butterflies released in the garden to remember those who have passed.

Linda reported on health fairs and trainings attended by staff, including a bullying workshop at Anna Maria College. She will be one of the community liaisons for the UMass Clerkship program in the upcoming year. The Mental Health Awareness Month event was a success.

Paul Johnson reported on the City's Job Fair at the Great Brook Valley Community Center he attended. A motion was made that the City's Human Resources Office be contacted to see if they would hold a job fair at the Senior Center. m/s/a Amy will follow up.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 23rd. The meeting adjourned