

TRUMBULL SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2010

Commission members in attendance: Linda Ciocci, Chm.; Helen Weinstein, Secretary; Connie Cleary; Amy DeZenzo; Fran Hanna; Joan Mehlhorn; Doris Tkacs; Dee Chiota, Alternate; and Dorothy Merritt, Alternate.
Gary Raytar arrived at 11:00AM.

Non-commission members in attendance: Jean Ferreira, Senior Center Director
Donna Marcus, Secretary for the Senior Center

Public in Attendance: Audrey Bajoros, Ilene Ianniello, Sylvia Jones, Gloria Monaco, Ralph Monaco, and Maureen Shea

Meeting called to order: 10:06AM

Public Session:

Maureen Shea expressed the public's need for better notification of any closings of the Senior Center.

Approval of Minutes:

Amended the Minutes of October 22, 2010 as follows:

Chairman's Report: Paragraph 5; delete "\$" before 2,000. Replace: "gift certificate collections" with "**cash purchases of gift certificates**".

Secretary's Report: Insert: "**H. Weinstein received a thank you note from Jennifer H. Gillis, Town of Trumbull Social Services Department, for the food pantry donations**".

Center Director's Report: Paragraph 2; replace "Ludlow Center" with "**Senior Center, sponsored by Ludlow**".

MOTION made by H. Weinstein to accept the minutes of October 22, 2010 as amended, seconded by J. Mehlhorn.

VOTED agreed unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

L. Ciocci informed the Commission of meetings she had with the new hairdresser. In attendance of the meetings were L. Ciocci, A. DeZenzo, Daniel Nelson, and Ed Walsh, Town Attorney. A contract of three (3) years was agreed upon.

L. Ciocci requested the approval of \$450.00 for the purchase of Art Hangers.

MOTION made by J. Mehlhorn to approve \$450.00 for the purchase of Art Hangers, seconded D. Tkacs.

VOTED agreed unanimously.

L. Ciocci, confirmed the date of John Annick, Chairman of the Cable Television Commission, on November 30, 2010, at the Senior Center. Also, John Annick would like to provide publications in the Senior Citizen Newsletter.

A. DeZenzo submitted a schedule of the November events and informed the Commission that the programs for the Trumbull senior citizens are televised on Channel 17.

L. Ciocci also informed the Commission that there was a complaint regarding broken ceiling tiles.

Secretary's Report:

H. Weinstein submitted a copy of a letter from Robert Tellalian, Esq. (Trustee for the Mallett Trust) with a check enclosed in the amount of \$3,000.00. This grant will go towards various miscellaneous items.

Also, received a check from J. Chiota, in the amount of \$385.00 for the cost of the ad in the newsletter. This check will be deposited in the special agency account.

J. Ferreira will send J. Chiota a thank you note.

Treasurer's Report:

J. Ferreira submitted to the Commission the Treasurer's Report (a copy of which is filed with the Minutes at the Town's Clerks Office).

Center Director's Report:

J. Ferreira submitted to the Commission the Director's Report (a copy of which is filed with the Minutes at the Town's Clerks Office).

J. Mehlhorn was pleased to inform the Commission of the success of the most recent Smile A While performance. There were 105 seniors at this wonderful performance. St. Joseph's Manor supplied deserts and the Senior Center supplied punch, tea and water.

J. Ferreira presented a plaque from Smile A While of all of the performers in the group. She will hang this plaque in the Senior Center.

Before C. Cleary had to dismiss herself early at 11:05AM from the meeting, she requested a \$500.00 advance payment for Trumbull Senior Center Smile A While to cover the costs to purchase various items for May.

MOTION made by J. Mehlhorn for an advance payment in the amount of \$500.00 to the Trumbull Senior Center Smile A While, seconded G. Raytar,

VOTED agreed unanimously.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the appropriation for next year's budget for Smile A. While and also other Senior Citizen programs. The Commission discussed the possibility of the use of an Excel program including line items for each program. J. Ferreira expressed her concern that she should not be involved in any type of line item budget program and that this should be the responsibility of someone else.

Regarding the day-to-day operations of the Senior Center, A. DeZenzo expressed the need of an informal meeting for the new members of the Commission. L. Ciocci suggested a meeting with J. Ferreira and possibly she and D. Chiota to head up an “Operations Committee”.

The Commission agreed that they should have a “brainstorming meeting” separate from the monthly Commission Meeting. They agreed to have a meeting on January 15, 2011 at 10:00AM (with a possible snow day of January 19, 2011 at 10:00AM) at the Senior Center.

MOTION was made by D. Tkacs to hold a “brainstorming meeting” on January 15, 2011 at 10:00AM, seconded by D. Chiota.

VOTED agreed unanimously.

J. Ferreira noted in her report that there will be a Senior Center Volunteers Luncheon. Expected attendance of 25 people @ \$10.00. Total cost for the luncheon will be \$250.00.

MOTION made by G. Raytar in the amount of \$250.00 for the volunteers luncheon, seconded D. Tkacs.

VOTED agreed unanimously.

J. Mehlhorn brought up the need of a new stove for the Senior Center. G. Raytar has submitted bids for the new stove to Maria Pires.

Social Services Report:

J. Ferreira informed the Commission that the Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets are going out on Monday.

Nurse’s Report: None

Old Business:

A. DeZenzo discussed with the Commission that a thank you note should be sent to J. Chiota for his seminar. J. Ferreira agreed that she will send out a thank you note to J. Chiota.

There was a discussion regarding the kitchen downstairs which serves approximately 40 – 60 people every day not only for serving meals but also for socializing. South West, Norwalk, will be replacing the Salvation Army with regards to supplying meals. J. Ferreria will provide more information regarding South West.

New Business:

A. DeZenzo suggested that written reports be provided at the monthly commission meetings in order to facilitate shorter meetings which would also be helpful in shortening the length of time to prepare the minutes and help with accuracy. L. Ciocci said that the elimination of Social Services Report and Nurse Report from future agendas would help in this matter. It was agreed that future agendas for the monthly commission meetings will reflect the elimination of these reports.

Also, A. DeZenzo submitted a copy, of which she typed, of a phone call to the First Selectman's office from a Trumbull Senior Citizen regarding the need of better notifications of the Senior Center's closings and also a complaint of setting up tables for the Bridge Group. (A copy of which is filed with the minutes.)

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Ilene Ianniello, on behalf of the Trumbull senior citizens, made a complaint regarding the setting up of tables for the "Bridge Group". To help resolve this issue, G. Raytar agreed to set up the tables for the Bridge Group every Monday at 11:40AM.

The next Trumbull Senior Citizen Commission Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 17, 2010, at 10:00AM.

Motion made by J. Mehlhorn to adjourn the meeting, seconded by D. Chiota.
Voted agreed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marilou Mangiamele, Clerk

