

Danbury Commission on Aging --Minutes of September 9, 2014

Estelle Zimmer, moderating, called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

Attending

Jay Geib, Carol Gerner, John Schroeder, Connie Vitetta, Anne Marie Walker,
Estelle Zimmer, Neil Corday

Staff: Susan Tomanio, Marnie Emerito, Michelle McNamara

Guests

Barbara Newland of Ridgefield VNA, Mary Beth Hickey of Regional Hospice,
Guest speaker Riva Shoshana of Riva's Rides

Minutes

Minutes of June 19, 2014 were accepted as presented.

Reports

Susan Tomanio, Director - Dept. of Elderly Services, informed us of a planned "Aging in Place" conference to be held October 21, 2014 at 12:30pm. She will send email announcements.

Marnie Emerito, Municipal Agent, elaborated on her report with additional details about Medicare Part D, and about Observation Status in the hospital which might not be covered by insurance.

Michelle McNamara, Senior Center Activities Director, reported on recent successful programs at the Center, and on planned future programs.

Old Business

Neil Corday reported on the status of the Ordinance. There has been no progress since the ad hoc committee's meeting in March 2014. The committee plans to invite Corporation Counsel Rick Gottschalk to their next meeting to discuss his views about proposed changes. We have not yet been informed of the next meeting's schedule.

New Business

Natalie Farrar's resignation from the Commission was effective August 29, 2014. We are left with one regular member vacancy and three alternate member vacancies to fill.

Estelle Zimmer introduced our three guests, all of whom are interested in joining the Commission.

Guest speaker Riva Shoshana told of her transportation service called Riva's Rides. Its purpose is to provide reliable transportation for seniors, any time, for any reason, anywhere in Connecticut, New York or Massachusetts. Riva operates a wheelchair accessible van. For rides to medical appointments her services also include help with check-in and filling out forms.

Adjourned at 1:52pm.

Prepared and submitted by Neil Corday

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