

City of Shelton
Shelton Senior Center
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**Minutes
Shelton Senior Commission
October 9, 2007**

The October 9, 2007 meeting of the Shelton Senior Commission was called to order by Joe Coleman at 4:05 p.m., in the conference room of the Shelton Senior Center. The pledge was recited by all present.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Joseph Coleman
Jill Bruno
Susan DiCiarano
James Martin
Roger J. Spinelli

Also Attending:

Ellen Shaw
Kathy Ramia

Absent:

William Smarz
Shirley Keller
Barbara Arsenault
Gerri DeMarco

Joe Coleman read a thank you note from the Boys and Girls Club for the Commission's donation in honor of Representative Richard Belden.

PUBLIC PORTION:

None

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Two corrections were made to the September 11, 2007 minutes. Kathy Ramia was not present and the program supporting the kitchen helper was called Title V.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER MINUTES AS CORRECTED. ROGER SPINELLI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report for the month end September 28, 2007 was read by Kathy Ramia, reporting a balance forward of \$7,559.13, receipts \$390.50, disbursements \$40.37 leaving an ending cash balance of \$7909.26. Five \$10,000.00 CD's totaling \$50,891.21 maturing on different dates. The next CD will mature on 10/26/07. Mr. Smarz will meet with his contact at Webster and reinvest the CD. Mr. Coleman commented on how much better the interest is investing in the CD's than the liquidity account.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT AS READ. ROGER SPINELLI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ellen Shaw told the Commission members that Shirley Keller's daughter passed away on Sunday October 8, 2007. It was decided that Kathy Ramia would send a card from the Commission. The Commission discussed what they wanted to do for Shirley and her family.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROGER SPINELLI TO SEND A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50 TO HOSPICE ACCORDING TO THE WISHES OF THE FAMILY IN HONOR OF SHIRLEY KELLER'S DAUGHTER. JILL BRUNO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Ellen stated that all the fall classes are up and running. The Center has been a busy place. The "Goodbye to Summer Party" was well attended and everyone enjoyed the Polish buffet with an Italian singer. The Elder Response Conference was attended by 150 people. Tracy from Domestic Violence talked about elderly abuse and what happens when her organization gets involved and Rosemary from Birmingham Group gave a talk. Dr. Lee's speech was fantastic. He showed some films, some being a little graphic.

Ellen stated that he has a great sense of humor. His assistant also gave a talk on child abuse. The conference ended by 2:00 p.m. The Triad helped with registration, parking and other duties. Many professionals, police, nurses and senior center directors attended. Mr. Coleman stated that some seniors were disappointed when they found the conference was taking place and the cost for them was \$55. Mr. Coleman also commented that the sound system was not very good. He stated was not intelligible from the sides of the room. Ellen reported that the Caregivers Group visited Wesley Heights about 50 people in attendance. Next month the group will meet at the Shelton Senior Center. A doctor will speak on normal aging. On October 16th a Women's Health Program will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dr. Wayne will be the speaker along with a Pilate's demonstration, a Mary-Kay consultant on skin care, Kim Benson from Weight Watchers, a Naturopath and Commerce Bank on checking. Joe Coleman commented that when scheduling non-general membership events Ellen might consider Friday's or the afternoons. Ellen stated the next Triad Conference will be held on October 23rd at C.C.S.U. The topic will be elder abuse. A Flu shot clinic will be held at the Senior Center on October 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Appointments must be made with the Naugatuck Valley Health. The second clinic will be a walk-in on Wednesday, November 7th from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. On November 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. along with the Triad the Senior Center will have a clinic on "Living with Less and Loving It." The Christmas Fair will be held on November 17th and 18th with a preview on November 16th.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER DIRECTOR'S REPORT. ROGER SPINELLI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED

OUTSTANDING BILLS:

none

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Joe stated that he is in contact with the sign company on a daily basis. He is waiting for a call so that Mr. Smarz and he can go and approve the finished sign. The goal is to have the sign in the ground by November 7, 2007.

Roger Spinelli reported that his craft committee has finished the baskets and they are ready to be wrapped and priced. Tomorrow his committee will start working on the wreaths. Roger reported that many vendors are signing up. It is a very busy time for Roger and his Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joe Coleman stated that Mr. Smarz had asked the Commission at the July meeting to survey the Senior Center and it's policies to see what improvements the Commission can work on. Joe stated he gave Bill some suggestions. Mr. Smarz needs to summarize the ideas. Mr. Martin suggested that the Commission do something to have the vehicles and equipment removed from the parking lot that is shared with the Police Department. The Commission agrees it is an eyesore. Some discussion was held.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO DIRECT THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE MAYOR TO BE CO-SIGNED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST THEY TAKE ACTION ON REMOVAL OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY THAT IS STORED IN THE SHARED PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF THE SENIOR CENTER. JIM MARTIN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Coleman stated that a member of the Senior Center was distraught because a kitchen helper was being paid and others are doing the same thing volunteering. Joe explained to the person that she is not hired by the center but by a federally funded program by the state. Joe hopes this will end the problem.

The Senior Center Attendance Policy rewrite was read and explained by Joe Coleman.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL BRUNO TO ACCEPT THE WRITTEN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ATTENDANCE POLICY AS WRITTEN.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM MARTIN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:10 P.M. ROGER SPINELLI SECONDED. MOTION PASSED.

Attested to: _____ Date: _____

Dates of Activities at the Shelton Senior Center

October 16, 2007 Women's Health Day 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

October 17, 2007 United Methodist Homes 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

October 25, 2007 Flu Shot Clinic – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.\
Shelton Senior Center
(By appointment only – Naugatuck Valley Health)

November 1, 2007 Speaker – Living with Less & Loving It
W/ Triad Group

November 7, 2007 – 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. walk-in Flu Shot Clinic
@ Shelton Senior Center

November 16, 2007 Christmas Fair Preview

November 17th & 18th- Christmas Fair & Festival of Trees
@ Shelton Senior Center