

BETHLEHEM SENIOR COMMISSION

DATE: November 15, 2016
PLACE: Library - Lever Room
PRESENT: Pat Ueberbacher, Susan Leeper, Maryann Bennett, Diane Lambro, Jean Gowlis and Robert Hanahan.

MINUTES: (Unapproved)

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pat Ueberbacher. Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2016 were approved for filing.

Robert provided copies of summaries from the Connecticut Department of Housing relative to increasing senior housing. Discussion followed. A Mr. Michael Santoro from the State Housing Department will be contacted in regard to inviting him to speak in late March, 2017 to the Commission and/or meeting with any interested towns people about senior housing. It appears that an interested developer and a feasible piece of property would have to be found. State is a funds source. For example, commission members wondered if land on Tulip Lane might be a possible site. We may need to prove need to the State.

Pat requested members start planning for a spring senior activity involving game therapy for exercising and improving the mental abilities of seniors.

Senior Dining at Nick's. Nick has served 15-20 meals in a day under the program. User gets a debit card at NOW of Waterbury. Cost of the meal is based on income. Card is scanned at Nick's and NOW pays Nick's.

Sue to look into applying for a grant at Waterbury CCF for a program for reducing isolation of some seniors. News article describes this as "Elder Orphans."

Discussed whether or not the town hall is the best location for the food bank and whether or not usage by eligible seniors could be increased.

Next meeting: February, 2017



Robert Hanahan, Secretary

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