

BETHLEHEM SENIOR COMMISSION

DATE: March 17, 2015
PLACE: Leever Room, Bethlehem Library
PRESENT: Pat Ueberbacher, Robert Hanahan, Fenn Quigley, Mary Ann Bennett, Susan Leeper and Julie Clifford

ABSENT: Linda DeFazio

MINUTES: (Unapproved)

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pat Ueberbacher. Minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2014 were approved.

11 people signed up for the chimney inspection and/or repair program funded by the Thomaston Savings Bank. Gerry Zarrella has already done the work on 6 of the properties. Some serious safety issues were corrected on some of the properties. Pat obtained 6 carbon monoxide detectors and 6 smoke detectors for place by Gerry in some of the homes.

Pat attended the selectmen's needs assessment and requested a budget allowance for the senior commission of \$1,000.00.

Pat also told the Selectmen about a federal grant for GPS tracking devices should a citizen have a potential problem for becoming disoriented.

Also, Pat discussed the availability of a free discount program with Town Apothecary from a pharmaceutical company "Pro Act".

Seia at Litchfield Rebuilding Together told Fenn they had 4 applicants from Bethlehem for the their program. Also, they had a Bethlehem craftsman, who recently retired, volunteer to do some of the work.

Litchfield Chore Service does have some clients in Bethlehem.
They are in need to raise about \$16,500.00 for their programs.

Sue Leeper to look into obtaining and placing defibrulators.

Next meeting: April 21, 2015.


Robert Hanahan, Secretary

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1. Pat U. did not attend the Selectman's needs assessment in person, she sent a letter requesting a \$1,000.00 allotment in the town budget.
2. Litchfield Chore Services has some workers from Bethlehem, not clients.

Pat reported: 12 people ended up using the chimney inspection and/or repair program funded by the Thomaston Savings Bank. Gerry Zarrella has already done almost all of the work. Gerry intends to complete all work shortly and intends to donate his services as necessary to stay within the limit of the Grant. Pat reported that the recipients were extremely pleased with Gerry's work.

Sue L. reported she had researched defibrillators. Town Hall does have one. It is the type of facility that determines whether or not a facility should have one on hand, not the number of people who might be using the building.

Pat attended a CCF workshop at the East Farms assisted living facility in Waterbury. Informative materials on the effect of birth years of the residents on their outlooks on life was presented. Generally: 1909 - 1932 depression era-deprivations. 1933-1945 swing generation more patient. 1946 to 1964 boomers - less trusting of authority, 1965-1976 - Generation X and 1977 - 1994 - Generation Y.

East Farms takes these birth years into account for patient care.

Discussed "ethical will." Individuals are writing "wills" setting forth what treatment they would like from family and friends should their physical and mental abilities decline, but not reach treatment levels.

Superintendent of Schools for Region 14: Dr. Anna Cutala-Leonard was guest speaker to discuss goals and aspirations for the school district and answer any questions.

Next meeting: May 19, 2015.



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