

Danbury Commission on Aging  
Minutes of September 9, 2013

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**Present:** Charlotte Barrows, Neil Corday, Natalie Farrar, Jay Geib, Annemarie Walker,  
Connie Vitetta, Estelle Zimmer

**Alternates:** Carol Gerner

**Absent:** Susan Tiso, Mary Mazzucco

**Staff:** Susan Tomanio, Director - Dept. of Elderly Services;  
Margaret Emerito, Municipal Agent;  
Michelle McNamara, Senior Center Activities Coordinator

**Guests:** James Maloney, Danbury Planning Commission;  
Ken Flynn, prospective COA member; Lynn Waller

Chairperson Estelle Zimmer called the meeting to order at 12:53PM.

Minutes of the June 11, 2013 meeting were approved with the following change:  
Neil Corday suggested that, in the minutes, references to all individuals should include first and last name, and person's title when applicable.

**Director of Elderly Services Report/Senior Center Coordinator Report:**  
Copy submitted to commission members.

**Municipal Agent Report:** Copy submitted to commission members.

**Old Business:**

Mr. James Maloney of the Danbury Planning Commission presented an update on the planned Senior Housing and Medical Facility. Charlotte Barrows attended the last Planning Commission meeting. At that meeting the Commission discussed issues and concerns about parking, water and sewer facilities, and tenants with limited income. The Commission hearings on the Senior Housing Facility will resume on Thursday, September 12. Mr. Maloney will continue to inform COA of the Commission's progress.

Neil Corday reported on the restructuring of the Computer and Technical Learning Center. The Center has been disassociated from Senior Center; its finances and administrative functions are now under Danbury City Hall. Recent changes have created an unnecessarily complicated process. The volunteer instructors are exploring ways to regroup and to resume delivering computer training to the seniors of our community. Plans include possible collaboration and partnership with other training organizations in order to share resources.

**New Business:**

Estelle Zimmer distributed copies of the City of Danbury 2013 Annual Report. It contained a description of the Department of Elderly Services and its accomplishments in 2013. The Report mentioned Susan Tomanio's connection with Danbury's "Aging in Place" steering committee. The committee's mission is to enable at-risk seniors to remain independent. Estelle commended Ms. Tomanio for the excellent write-up. Ms. Tomanio has been re-appointed to the Connecticut state Commission on Aging.

Estelle Zimmer emphasized that COA and Dept. of Elderly Services are two separate entities that work with each other and with other city agencies and commissions to achieve common objectives.

**Motion to adjourn** by Charlotte Barrows, seconded by Connie Vitetta.  
Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Submitted by Neil Corday, acting as secretary for this meeting

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