

**Danbury Commission on Aging -- Minutes of October 14, 2014**

Mary Mazucco called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

**Attending:** Carol Gerner, John Schroeder, Connie Vitetta, Anne Marie Walker, Mary Mazucco, Estelle Zimmer, Neil Corday

**Absent:** Charlotte Barrows, Jay Geib

**Staff:** Susan Tomanio, Marnie Emerito, Michelle McNamara

**Guests:** Barbara Newland, Krystina and Chelsey Brick of Ridgefield VNA  
Mary Beth Hickey of Regional Hospice  
Carol Raitanen, Associate Publisher Senior's Blue Book  
Danbury residents Audrey Martin and Angela Hylenski

**Minutes:** Minutes of September 9, 2014 were accepted as presented.

**Guest speaker:** Carol Raitanen described the Senior's Blue Book, distributed the first edition, and described its contents and use. The Blue Book is a directory of various community resources and services, including health, home care, housing, and assisted living. It will be published twice yearly. Ms. Raitanen will accept suggestions for changes and additions.

**Reports:** Susan Tomanio, Director - Dept. of Elderly Services, reviewed her department's activity, and informed us that she will continue to serve on the Connecticut Commission on Aging.

Marnie Emerito, Municipal Agent, informed us that the Rent Rebate program ended October 1, 2014. Marnie suggested that information on Municipal Agents be added to the Senior's Blue Book.

Michelle McNamara, Senior Center Activities Director, reported on recent successful programs at the Senior Center, e.g., Sports Talk and Wii Bowling.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Chairperson position update**

Mary Mazucco and John Schroeder have volunteered to become co-chairs.

MOTION by Connie Vitetta to accept Mary Mazucco and John Schroeder as co-chairs; motion passed.

Mary must therefore relinquish the position of Secretary. Discussion to replace her is on hold.

Neil Corday will act as temporary secretary for the purpose of taking minutes.

**Status of the Ordinance**

Neil Corday reported that there is still no word from the ad hoc committee on its plans to meet again. He asked PJ Prunty, Mayor's assistant, to contact the committee chair to find out for us their plan and schedule.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Future meetings:** November meeting date Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. City Hall will be closed.

Meeting rescheduled for Wednesday Nov. 12. John Schroeder will arrange a guest speaker.

Mary Mazzucco urged us to seek out and arrange guest speakers so that there will be a presentation at every meeting.

Mary Beth Hickey of Regional Hospice will arrange a speaker for our December meeting.

Barbara Newland of Ridgefield VNA will arrange a speaker for our January meeting.

Neil Corday suggested that information given by our speakers can support our function of advising the Mayor of issues that affect Danbury's senior population.

**COA membership:** Estelle Zimmer reported our current membership. We have eight regular commissioners.

Barbara Newland applied for membership and is awaiting approval from City Hall.

Mary Beth Hickey applied for alternate member status.

There is one alternate position vacant.

### **C.A.R.E.S. meeting**

Mary Mazzucco suggested we attend the meeting of the Coalition of Agencies Relating to Elderly Care, to be held 2pm Oct. 23, 2014 at Hancock Hall. Meeting topic: Improving with Age.

**Adjourned at 2:00 pm.**

Prepared and submitted by Neil Corday