

## Danbury Commission on Aging -- Minutes of November 13, 2014

Mary Mazzucco called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

**Attending:** Jay Geib, Mary Beth Hickey, Mary Mazzucco, Barbara Newland, John Schroeder, Riva Shoshana, Connie Vitetta, Anne Marie Walker, Estelle Zimmer, Neil Corday

**Staff:** Marnie Emerito

**Absent:** Charlotte Barrows, Carol Gerner, Susan Tomanio

**Guests:** Guest speaker Don McGram, Security Advisor for Fairfield County Bank  
Danbury resident Angela Hylenski

**Minutes:** Minutes of October 14, 2014 were accepted as presented.

**Guest speaker:** Don McGram spoke about scams, fraud, and the fact that senior citizens are among the most frequent victims. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Descriptions of the most common scams
- How to recognize them
- How to decrease the chances of becoming a victim

After Mr. McGram spoke, Mary Mazzucco suggested that the Commission conduct presentation each year about scams and fraud, for Danbury's senior citizens.

**Reports:** Marnie Emerito, Municipal Agent, has submitted her resignation effective December 31, 2014. She will be retiring after 27 years as Danbury's Municipal Agent for the Elderly.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Status of the Ordinance

Neil Corday reported that there has been no word from the ad hoc committee since our last meeting. Mayor's assistant PJ Prunty contacted Committee Chair J. Cavo on our behalf. Mr. Cavo indicated he would inform us when the Committee decides its next meeting date. Mary Mazzucco and John Schroeder will follow up.

#### Guest Speakers:

Mary Beth Hickey invited Linda Pinckney, Hospice Nurse, to speak at our Dec. 9 meeting.

Barbara Newland will arrange a speaker for January.

Annemarie Walker will arrange a speaker for February, to speak on Senior Housing.

Estelle Zimmer suggested speakers be given time limits. Consensus was fifteen to 25 minutes for speaker's presentation and ten minutes for questions and answers.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mary Mazzucco distributed the revised meeting schedule for year 2015.

### **COA membership:**

At the December common council meeting

Barbara Newland is slated to be appointed as a regular Commission member and Mary Beth Hickey is slated to be appointed an Alternate.

Riva Shoshona was appointed Alternate in October.

COA agreed on the following process to review prospective new members:

- Any Danbury resident may apply for membership, and any COA member may nominate a qualified Danbury resident for membership.
- Prospective member attends a meeting as a guest.
- Commissioners interview the prospective member and vote on whether to accept.
- If accepted, the prospect writes to the Mayor requesting appointment to the Commission.

Angela Hylenski, attending as a guest, requested membership as an Alternate.

The Commissioners interviewed her and voted to accept her.

She is drafting a letter of request to Mayor Boughton.

**Adjourned at 2:30 pm.**

Prepared and submitted by Neil Corday