

**Commission for Senior Services
Meeting Minutes of February 03, 2012
Westport Town Hall, Room 201**

Attendance:

CSS Members: Stan Nayer, Sharon Rosen, and Howard Maynard

Guest: Bill Meyer and Mark Mathias

Staff: Terry Giegengack and Sue Pfister

New Business:

Sue Pfister introduced Holly Betts, Westport CSA new Meal Program Coordinator. She will be offering a seminar on food safety to the "Friends."

Mark Mathias discussed "Westport Stories," a live experiment at the Westport Public Library. Westport Stories encompass audio recordings of the Library of Congress, an oral audio. Radio show WNPR supports it. Westport Stories are about people. "What was Westport like?" It was not about careers. Michael Miller of *PC Magazine*, discussed his memories and his connection to Westport. Mark Matthias will conduct an interview on 02/28 with David Pogue. He is working with Joan Hume from the Westport Library.

Old Business:

The CSS and Human Service Commission joint Letter to the Editor response to the Woody Klein editorial on (1/27/12) was published. Appreciation was directed to the staff in Human Services for composing.

Staff Reports:

D.H.S. Director, Barbara Butler - Discussed the 2012-13 budget. Explained the Gifts in Kind (money that does not go thru the budget) equates to nearly \$900,000 a year. Outside donations fundraised generate revenue in the form of goods and services to Westporters. The First Selectman requested a flat budget from department heads. A comment was made that cuts in the department's budget affects the D.H.S. services.

D.H.S. Assistant Director, Terry Giegengack plans a volunteer training session on emergency sheltering, co-sponsored with the Westport-Weston Health District, CERT and the Westport Fire Department. Communication continues to be an important part of any successful joint venture.

Center for Senior Activities:

W.C.S.A. Director, Sue Pfister is working on the quarterly calendar. There is a need to address late registrants — maybe a fee for late registration — need to set up credit card system to pay for classes.

CSA is working on social media networking along with the Human Services Department staff for enhanced communication with the public.

Municipal Agent Report:

Westport Warmup Fund - New phase to solicit Westport local businesses. Westport Woman's club volunteering to help with mailing. Fundraising will continue during the entire year. The joint initiative has been successful at this time with 80% of goal attained with several hundred donors. The most important part has part the collaboration with the valuable community partners in the Warm Up Advisory Committee. State of CT is giving additional awards.

Operation Fuel – Original grant for \$2000; gave \$5000 more. The season is good due to mild weather.

Baron's South

Discussion of numerous people who inquire about apartments

Saugatuck Cooperative

Speak to the manager, Norman Colton, about any available units for sale.

Links

Major kickoff meeting on Sunday, February 26th at the Unitarian Church.

Friends of the Center for Senior Activities

Announcement of the Super Bowl Tailgate Party at the Center on Sunday, February 5, 2012;
There will be a talent show in April. Jacoby S. on the Committee. James Naughton to perform.
Sunday afternoon music series will offer Jodi Keogan on February 19th.

AT&T grant of \$10,000 was awarded to the Friends for future programs.

Submitted by Stan Nayer