

**Westport Center for Senior Activities  
Policy & Planning Board Minutes  
Monday, November 4, 2013**

Present: Susan Pfister, Stan Groner, Leslie Wolfe, Sue Lebrija, Annette Kirban, Mildred Bunche.

Excused: Stephen Colodny, Martha Aasen, John Weiss, Joan Bassett, Richard Price and Paul Bieler.

The minutes of October 7, 2013 were approved (S.Groner/M. Bunche).

**Update on Friends of the Westport Center for Senior Activities:**

The ATT cultural series has held four very well-attended lectures to date. The remaining session will be held on 12/6 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The Indoor Music Series finalized with the first performance scheduled to kick off on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Friends have also purchased a portable stage for the Center which should be delivered around Thanksgiving time. The Friends will be putting out an end of the year newsletter; perfect timing for those wishing to make an end of the year tax donation. Gloria Stashower is putting this edition together.

**Update on ITNCoastal CT:**

ITN's major fundraiser was held on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at a board member's home in Saugatuck. To date, over \$16,000 has been raised from this event. In September, 341 rides were delivered and seven new members joined the organization. The executive director attended the organization's annual meeting up in Maine last week and was able to meet and discuss strategies with many other affiliate directors. Another part-time driver has been hired.

**Update on Baron's Proposed Senior Housing Proposal:**

There isn't expected to be any further action until after the election. Everyone agreed that it was important to keep the positive spirit up and to keep talking about this project so that it stays alive and becomes reality. The need for housing continues to be tremendous, as verified by Sue Lebrija. S. Pfister will keep the board apprised of any future meetings or important correspondences. Investors did visit the Center last week with David Freshwater to familiarize themselves with the project, which S. Pfister thought was encouraging.

**Preliminary Discussion on FY Budget 2014-15:**

S. Pfister asked the board to look around at the facility and to begin to think about improvements or replacements as we begin the preparation process for the budget. With the new administration taking office there are a lot of unknowns. S. Pfister will keep the board apprised of any directions that come from the Finance or Selectman's Office. S.

Pfister will be working closely with Mike Frawley from DPW since many facility projects proposed will come under DPW's budget (i.e. painting, carpet replacement, etc.)

**Report from Municipal Agent, Sue Lebrija:**

Sue reported that she has been extremely busy at the Center on Monday afternoons and all day Thursdays with Medicare Part D open enrollment appointments. She and Sue P. continue to make some home visits together and are working on a couple of cases together. Energy assistance has started and there is a bit of concern with regards to the state of NEON. S. Pfister and S. Lebrija attended a meeting at Town Hall on Saturday held by the Fairfield County Medical Association which was addressing the recent action of Unite Healthcare to drop 2,200 physicians from their Medicare Advantage plan. This is creating quite an issue for those involved. S. Lebrija has been working with some of these folks and trying to get them into other plans that cover their physicians.

**Suggestion Box:**

There was a suggestion to offer less programs because there isn't enough parking!

The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned (S. Lebrija/L.Wolfe).