

South Windsor Senior Advisory Council Meeting

October 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:05AM by Daria Plummer, Chair. In attendance: Toni Baer, Dave Bakulski, Tom Bartolmeli, Barbara Betteker, Carol Butler, Andrea Cofrancesco, Anitha Elango, Tom Field, John Habif, Sgt. Ronald Littell, Kathy Longo, Liz O'Brien, Elaine Smith and Kathie Stroh.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September meeting (Field/Habif).

Staff Comments: Center updates: The Open House in September was well attended. Andrea thanked all the volunteers who helped out; they were high energy and people were very interested. Feedback was positive; we had many town residents come in and only a few non-residents. It is suggested that next time we add a ukulele table and play videos of our activities. Senior Center t-shirts have come in. The scoop and V-neck shirts are running very small. In November we will be offer a Saturday Pancake breakfast. Card playing lessons will be coming back this winter on Saturdays. In November, we will be starting a newcomers group the third Friday of the month at 10:00 AM. The new freezer is in and in use. The new dishwasher is in but the electrical needs to be undated; building maintenance is working on that.

Community Resource Information: Sgt. Ron Littell reports that the Torch Walk will be on 10/21 with a rain date of 10/28. Drug Take Back Day will be October 28th 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the Police Station. Stuff a Truck will be held at Stop and Shop and Geissler's on Saturday, December 2nd. They will be collecting donations for the Food Bank and toys for Human Service's Christmas program. The Triad will be hosting a pasta dinner fundraiser January 10th. The woman's locker room at the Police Station was finished this past summer.

Economic Development Update: Council Liaison Anitha Elango reported that the town has approved 166 luxury apartments to be built behind Evergreen Walk. Whole Foods is still on track to open Feb. 2024. Concerns were brought up about the crosswalk on Nevers Road near Collins Crossing, needing a flashing light similar to the crosswalk by Porters Hill. Kathy Longo brought up concerns about a bus stop near Costco. Anitha will look into these concerns.

Old Business: The Bylaws were discussed at length and some changes were made. A vote was taken to accept the Bylaws as presented. (Field/Stroh)

New Business: The Reading in the Schools dates have been set; PRS will be Nov. 16th at 9:30 and OH will be Dec. 21 at 9:00 AM. The remaining schools will be scheduled in spring.

Representative Reports: Dave Bakulski reports that the number of card players have increased in the past few months.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM (Bartolmeli/Field)

Our next meeting will be November 14, 2023 at 10:00AM.

Respectfully Submitted: By Liz O'Brien, Recording Secretary