

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE:** Joe Pankowski, Chair; Amy Squyres, Mary McCarthy, Pat Morgan, Jennifer Geddes, Tom Valentino, Ron Heinbaugh

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Pankowski called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present.

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2012**

**\*\* MR. HEINBAUGH MOVED THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2012.**

**\*\* MS. MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2012 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**SENIOR CENTER REPORT.**

Mr. Pankowski said that Ms. Paris was not able to attend the meeting. He then read her report to the members present. The report included a list of repairs to the Edgerton facility. A copy will be attached to this document.

**SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT.**

Ms. Hauser was not present to give her report.

**UPDATE ON TAX DEFERRAL ABATEMENT.**

Mr. Pankowski said that the Board of Selectmen had been very positive about the Tax Deferral Abatement. The Board of Finance met and referred the item to someone on the Committee for further research. Mr. Pankowski said that he was not aware that it was on the Board of Finance agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS.**

Mr. Pankowski said that the Edgerton group had met and was moving forward. However, the Board of Education is considering the Edgerton property. It was pointed out that there were some issues with the deed. Mr. Pankowski said that there had been an issue with the deed before the school was built, but that would have to be cleared up before anything is done.

There are concerns on the part of the Board of Education regarding the possible need for additional classrooms. Mr. Pankowski stated that the primary issue was whether the Board of Education wants the property. If the Board of Education does not want the building, then there will be additional discussion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pankowski said that it was his understanding that the Board of Education move to the Leroy facility has been moved back to April, which will in turn, move the date back for the moved from Edgerton into the Board of Education's old facility.

It was reported that Aging in Place and Gallivant meeting went very well last week. A review of last year's events was presented. Aging in Place and Gallivant are providing various necessary services for Darien's seniors.

Mr. Valentino asked what the center would be called. Ms. McCarthy said that the Commission had recommended the name as:

**THE MATHER COMMUNITY CENTER.  
DARIEN SENIOR ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS**

**NEW BUSINESS.**

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

**\*\* MS. SQUYRES MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MS. MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

Town of Darien  
Commission on Aging  
Regular Meeting  
December 19, 2012

**Darien Senior Activities Center**

**Commission on Aging Report**

December 19, 2012

Respectfully Submitted: Beth Paris, Coordinator

The month has been packed with entertainments and programs to get everyone in the holiday spirit. And for those who the Holidays can be a bit of a challenge to get through we have had supportive programs as well.

There have also been visits from local school groups **New Canaan Country Day, Darien High School, Norton Presbyterian Pre-School** which are always well received and appreciated.

**Fairfield University Nursing Program** will be scheduling the **Matter of Balance Program** for the Spring. They will contact all of the folks who signed up for the previous class and were not able to participate.

We are hard at work on the 2013/2014 budget process and anticipating needs of the Mather's Community Center.

The Heating system continued to be a challenge non communication between thermostats and radiators have necessitated us having windows open and burning excessive oil. All room valves gave way at the same time-repairs is on going.

Our annual **Circle of Light Celebration** will feature our newly formed ukulele group doing a mini presentation of songs of the season as well as our own Mary Giarantana leading us in song accompanied by Bonnie Lieder on the Piano.

The **Holiday Boutique** has enjoyed a steady stream of visitors and to date has enjoyed brisk sales.

**Monthly Caregiver Educational Support Group: 12**

**Caregiver Options Counseling: 9**

**Referrals to Human Services: 4**

**EMS Calls: 0**

**AIP+Gallivant Assist: 17**

**Ongoing Works in Progress:** Program Planning Spring

Budget Meetings

Newsletter

Statistics

Trend Research

Building Use Mathers

Organizing for Clean Up

**December Highlights:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Blood Pressure

3<sup>rd</sup> Entertainment Park Street Singers

4<sup>th</sup> French Literature Class  
5<sup>th</sup> Darin Garden Club Flower Arranging  
6<sup>th</sup> Mummer's Play New Canaan Country Day  
11<sup>th</sup> Norton Presbyterian Pre School Visits  
11<sup>th</sup> Entertainment Christmas with Patsy Shore & Tony Castle  
12<sup>th</sup> Holiday High Tea with Cookie & Gerri  
13<sup>th</sup> Shubert Chorale Performs  
13<sup>th</sup>: Bingo Plus with Pam  
18<sup>th</sup> Caregiver Educational Support Group  
19<sup>th</sup> Circle of Light Celebration-Santa Visits  
21<sup>st</sup> Ask a Lawyer  
24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> CLOSED  
27<sup>th</sup> Christine & Nick DeMaio Entertain  
31<sup>st</sup> December Birthdays Celebrated

**Building Issues:** All Valves non operational - radiator system broke throughout the building

Boiler service was done throughout the month to trouble shoot this issue.

Traps changed in Art Room closet area-clean up taking place

Sink in main hall clog needed to be cleared

Automatic Water Feeder was connected to boiler and water alarm panel so manual water feed of the overflow tank is no longer necessary.

Meetings: **Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** Legislative Panelist representing Darien for SWCAA; **Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** AIP+Gallivant Annual meeting; **Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** SWCAA Advisory Board Meeting; **Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** COA Meeting; AIP+Gallivant weekly support;