

Commission for Senior Services
Minutes of October 21, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Bob Fatherley

Present:

CSS Members: Bob Fatherley, Chair; Jo Fuchs-Luscombe, Leslie Wolf, Janet Filling, Peter Kolbrener, and Les Wolf

Excused: Judy Guthman

Staff: Susan Pfister, Sarah Heath, Elaine Daignault, and Kristen Witt

Guest Speaker: Chief Foti Koskinas and Detective Lieutenant Killian Cabanacs,
Westport Police Department

Minutes: The Minutes of September 16th were approved.

DHS Department Reports:

Jo Fuchs-Luscombe requested use of a recorder. Sarah Heath reported that energy assistance is available since October 1st. Warm up mailing going out requesting monetary contributions. Commission on People with Disabilities interviews are underway.

November speaker will be David Waldman. Judy will report on downtown plan on 11/18. Bob attended meeting at Hiawatha meeting. P&Z will be discussing at their next work session.

CSS Discussion:

Chief Koskinas discussed the workings of the police department and the challenges the department faces. New employees face huge challenges. Everything a big city sees we experience but in smaller scale. Westport funds the department needs adequately. Budget cuts do affect department workings. The Chief and Detective Lieutenant Jillian Cabana Money spoke about the crimes against seniors are common and more information against scams are in need. Phone scams are common and should be reported. The Westport schools and police have a collaborative relationship. There is close relationship with the youth. Collaboration with seniors at the senior center was lauded by Sue Pfister.

Very limited volunteer opportunities at the police department for seniors. EMS does have some opportunities.

Sue reported on recent meeting at the Center with key Town heads and the Enhancement Committee and architects. One November 13th committee will hold an open house with neighbors and interested parties. Invitations will be sent.

There will be Open Forums on Tuesday, December 6th from 10AM to 12PM and on Friday, December 9th from 10AM to 11 AM. Bob will send out tan email.

Peter requested a meeting with Sue, Sarah, etc. Next week to prepare for the Y's Men symposium on November 3rd.

Next meeting: Friday, November 18th

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Fuchs-Luscombe, Secretary