

Commission for Senior Services  
Minutes of July 15, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Bob Fatherley

Present: Bob Fatherley, Chair; Jo Fuchs-Luscombe, Les Wolf, Janet Filling, Peter Kolbrener, and Judy Guthman

Absent: Leslie Wolf

Staff: Susan Pfister, Sarah Heath, Elaine Daignault

Minutes: The Minutes of May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> were approved.

CSS Discussion:

Sue Pfister reported on progress of the CSA Enhancement Committee. They received the “green light” last week. RTM Committee meeting last night; all went well and approvals garnered. Full RTM will ask for \$57,000 to be approved by the Board of Finance. A&R Architecture has been selected. \$3.9-million-dollar is in the capital forecast for this project.

Peter Kolbrener has requested a meeting with Sue and Sarah to discuss a Y’s Men’s program. On August 12<sup>th</sup> the CSS will meet with Sue Pfister and Holly Betts at the WCSA for resources for the “Meet and Greet” discussion sponsored the CSS.

Sarah Heath welcomed as Director of DHS. She gave an overview of the Department services, the staff members, and their duties identified. Elaine Daignault, newly appointed Assistant Director gave her overview and her background.

Judy Guthman brought up the importance of the Department participating at meetings concerning issues that affect people with disabilities. Les Wolf announced there would be a pool party at Whitney Glen to identify services. CSS members will be present.

Judy has attended two meetings of the Downtown Planning Committee. Parking and transportation issues were discussed. Pedestrian and bicycle issues also addressed.

Joyce Gentilozzi, Deputy Assessor gave overview of the Town's Assessment program. Tax Relief/Deferral program for seniors discussed.

On Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> there will be an Open Public Forum at the WCSA from 10 AM to 11 AM.

Next meeting: Friday, September 16. Sarah will invite police, fire and EMS to be future guest speakers.

Jim Marpe, First Selectman will be asked to address specific senior issues. Early 2017 date to be considered.