Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 4:02.

In attendance: Al McGunnigle, MaryElen Wielock, Lori Vallee, Jim Millerick, Laura Chandler and Tricia Twomey

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Public Comment - None

<u>Financial Report - Tricial reported that we are at 90% of our budget and at 107% on the Dial-A-Ride drivers' salaries.</u>

She has not received word yet in when she will go before the Board of Finance.

All asked about the \$400 in the budget for the Center. It was explained that that was for repairs and carpet cleaning. The \$600 allotment goes towards supplies and mailings.

The budget was accepted.

Survey discussion:

We will not present to the Seniors on April 17th. We moved that presentation to May 15th and hopefully we will have updated information to share by then.

Tricia will send out a notice that our presentation will be from 11:30 -12:00 to coincide with the social.

Spring/Summer Programs:

The Tai Chi class has been inconsistent. Class attendance is waning due to the interrupted schedule but it is popular and Tricia hopes it will pick back up.

The Chat and Craft program has 20 members consistently.

The Tea and Talk topic this month is "Food and Medical Myths."

Farmington Savings Bank has cut the funding the summer concert series. This is unfortunate for everyone who enjoyed it. Tricia has secured a band for one evening and is in contact with the military band that performed last year.

In order to get more people to attend we discussed how events could be advertised. Tricia will get signs up in 3 key locations: Whigville Grange, Lake Garda and at the Town Hall.

There is no coverage of Burlington in the Bristol Press, the Courant or the Republican. Tricia said Ted was working on getting more recognition.

New Business:

Jim asked if we would have access to the library for programs once the addition is built. It would be helpful but would still not satisfy our need for more space.

Ted Shafer asked Tricia what our committee could do to find out what kind of tax breaks other small towns give their seniors. She will assign each of us a town and provide a list of questions so that we can get the requested information.

Al wants to investigate what we can be doing to improve the Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler.