

**Town of East Greenwich  
Community and Senior Center Advisory Committee  
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818  
January 26, 2016**

**Members present:** Carlo Ciasullo, George Coleman, Joyce Coleman, Aurelia Dicecco, Terry Grausgruber, Kathleen Healey, Rosemary Kelly, Edward Oliver, Marilyn Oliver and Maureen Tortolanni

**Members absent:** Helen Friend

**Staff:** Erin McAndrew, Carol Tudino

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

The December minutes were reviewed. Kathleen Healey made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Grausgruber seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The committee discussed upcoming programs:

- The tax program will begin on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and will be held at the Swift Community Center instead of the Police Station.
- A Valentine's Day Luncheon will be offered at the Swift Community Center on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Owen Trainor will provide musical entertainment.
- The annual membership drive will be held in March. The membership fee is \$5 per person/per year.
- Pickleball will begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and is moving from Fridays to Tuesdays.

The committee discussed dessert for the lunch program. Some of the members said they would like to see more of a variety. A comment was made to purchase three watermelons instead of four for the Summer Picnic, because there is always a large amount of watermelon slices left over after the picnic.

The committee discussed the September Volunteer Luncheon. A suggestion was made in the fall of 2015 to try a different location for the 2016 luncheon. The luncheon has been held at the East Greenwich Yacht Club for several years. Erin McAndrew suggested holding the event at Richard's Pub on South County Trail.

The volunteer luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> because it is a primary voting day and Senior Services will not be able to operate at its usual capacity due to voting. The following is information for Richard's Pub:

- They poured a concrete foundation to add 20 feet onto their event room. The addition will be completed by September.
- They allow entertainment for private events and the addition will provide space for dancing.

-They do not have a microphone or speakers in the event room. If a person wants to speak to the group, he/she will have to use the entertainer's microphone and sound system.

-They do not have enough round tables to seat our entire group (estimated attendance is 60). They have 5 round tables that seat 8 people. We will have to use a mix of round and square tables. They may purchase more round tables before September, but this is not guaranteed.

-The price is approximately \$3.40 less per person than using the Yacht Club and hiring Dave's Marketplace to cater the event. This estimate includes a cheese, cracker and fruit tray, salad, three entrée choices, dessert, coffee and gratuity. Erin spoke to an employee at Richard's Pub and he said their portions are very large. He said he could reduce the portion size and this would reduce the price of each meal.

-Erin suggested holding the event at Richard's Pub in 2016. She also suggested that the Department think about alternating locations each year (i.e. Richard's Pub 2016, East Greenwich Yacht Club 2017).

A suggestion was made to move one of the gym garbage cans from behind the Bingo caller to a more accessible area. This will hopefully stop people from placing garbage into the baskets on the tables that are intended for recyclable items. A suggestion was made to make an announcement at Bingo about using the baskets for recyclable items and using the garbage cans for garbage.

Terry Grausgruber made a motion to adjourn. George Coleman seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 1:45 p.m.