

**Town of East Greenwich
Community and Senior Center Advisory Committee
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818
March 29, 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 1:05 p.m.

The February minutes were reviewed. Rose Mary Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes. Kathleen Healey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The members spoke about the April meeting. The Swift Community Center will not offer lunch and activities on April 26th due to the Presidential Preference Primary. The Center is the only polling location in Town. Stretch & Tone and Line Dancing will be held at St. Luke's Church. The Committee will meet in the game room at Swift for the 1:00 p.m. meeting. Members are welcome to arrive at 12:30 p.m. for a pizza lunch.

The Department had 787 members in 2015. That number has risen to 816 in 2016.

Erin McAndrew suggested the following fee increases in 2016:

On July 1, 2016 increase the drop-in class fee from \$3 to \$4 for non-members.

On January 1, 2017 increase the membership fee from \$5 per person/per year to \$10 per person/per year. The membership fee includes the following; the monthly newsletter is mailed to a member's residence, members receive a discount on classes and preference when registering for special trips. Special trips include the Ocean State Theatre Company and Theatre By The Sea. When the Department offers special trips, members have one week to register before non-members. The cost per person/per year to produce the newsletter is \$3.60 (.30¢ per month). The cost per person/per year to produce the newsletter and mail it is \$7.20 (.60¢ per month).

The following special programs will be offered in April:

Free Income Tax Assistance on April 6th and 13th from 8:45 a.m. - noon

Changes to Social Security Filing Strategies presentation on April 7th at 10:30 a.m.

AARP Smart Driver Course on April 20th from 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Computer Course on Wednesdays; April 20th – May 18th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

The following special programs will be offered in May:

Tickets for the summer picnic will go on sale in May. The picnic will be held at the East Greenwich Veteran Fireman's Association on June 16th. The suggested donation per ticket is \$3.

Pickleball will be offered on Tuesdays beginning May 3rd from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Transportation to the Wakefield DMV on May 11th for people that need a State Photo ID or need to renew their ID.

Sign Language Classes on Wednesdays from May 11th – June 29th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

A trip to the Ocean State Theatre for Anything Goes on May 19th.

A member asked if the Department will offer a trip to Wright's Chicken Farm this year. Erin said Melaine will book a date for a trip. Our Department has to plan a trip on a date that another group has already booked. Our bus seats 20 people and we have to wait until a larger group makes a lunch reservation. The restaurant is open on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., unless they have multiple groups reserve a date for lunch.

George Coleman made a motion to adjourn. Kathleen Healey seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 2:00 p.m.