

**Town of East Greenwich
Community and Senior Center Advisory Committee
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818
June 28, 2016**

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

Members absent: Aurelia Dicecco, Helen Friend,

Staff: Erin McAndrew and Carol Tudino

The meeting began at 1:00 p.m.

Kathleen Healey made a motion to accept the May minutes with an amendment to include information about newsletter advertisements. The Committee discussed discontinuing the one page flyer advertisement and offering a business card size advertisement. The business card advertisement (3.5" width x 1.75" height) is \$250 for six months or \$400 for one year. The Gourmet Traveler has a one page flyer advertisement agreement that ends in August of 2016. Maureen Tortolanni seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed businesses that want to provide services for seniors. If the business wants to provide the service at Swift, the service will be advertised in the newsletter. If the business wants to provide a service outside of Swift (i.e. offer a senior discount) the service will not be advertised in the newsletter, unless the business purchases a business card size advertisement.

The Committee discussed the low enrollment numbers for the Hi Lo Jack program. The Department is advertising the next sixteen week session that will begin on July 20th in the Swift lobby and dining room, the July newsletter and press releases to the local media; East Greenwich Magazine, East Greenwich Pendulum, The Independent and Rhode Island Prime Time Magazine. Information about the next session is also available on the Town's website at www.eastgreenwichri.com. A suggestion was made to lower the \$10 price to entice more participants.

The Department will advertise the October 7th Flu Clinic in the August Newsletter.

The Committee discussed the annual picnic that was held on June 16th. Comments were made that the food and music were good. Some members would like to see a vegetable offered with the meal. This year we offered two sides; pasta salad and potato salad. Vegetable suggestions for next year include; pickled beets, three bean salad and green bean salad. Cole slaw was suggested, but the Department does not use mayonnaise in the food for the picnic due to warm temperatures. An employee from the Firemen's Hall said we are not allowed to bring our own soft drinks. Erin McAndrew

purchased cans of Diet Ginger Ale. They permitted the soda to be distributed this year, but next year Erin will ask the Hall to provide pitchers of soda for the tables. Bottled water is allowed.

Upcoming July – September programs:

Cyber-Seniors will begin in July. The program is one-on-one technology instruction that will be offered by two volunteer URI students. The students will volunteer 4 hours per week to offer personal instruction about technology. Each senior will receive one hour of instruction once a week for as many weeks as they request. Seniors can learn how to use a lap top, email, facebook, purchase items on the web, etc. The Department has one desktop and 6 lap tops that seniors can use. The Town's IT Department is working on offering free wireless service for guest users during the classes, so participants can bring their own equipment (iPhone, iPad, lap top, etc.). The lessons will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 5th – September 1st.

The Bead Lady will visit Swift on July 14th.

There is a trip to Theatre By The Sea to see West Side Story on July 14th.

There is a trip to the Gilbert Stuart Museum on July 29th.

A Seafood Day will be offered at Swift on August 18th. The suggested donation is \$3 per ticket. Ken Marasco will provide musical entertainment from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

There will be a Shingles Clinic at Swift on August 26th.

There is a Lighthouse Cruise trip out of Quonset on September 7th.

Posture and Balance classes will be offered at Swift on Thursday mornings from September 8th – October 27th.

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be offered on September 21st.

Terry Grausgruber made a motion to adjourn. Maureen Tortolani seconded the motion.

The meeting ended at 2:00 p.m.