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## **MADISON SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES SEPTEMBER, 2016**

**Present:** Wendy Oberg, Marcy Sanders, Jerry Kerins, Austin Hall, Lori Murphy, Dale Kach, Sheri Purcelli, Jim Ball, Bennet Pudlin, Bruce Wilson

**Absent:** Pat Melady, Jason Ulstad, Craig Benard

**Meeting was called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Jerry Kerins.

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved by Wendy, seconded by Jerry (with a typo noted). All in favor.

**Tax Relief Update:** Bennett summarized that the BOF had discussed the tax relief ordinance in June and July. The proposal was revised and is now back for a further revision by the town attorney. The BOF is expecting a draft by the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. There appears to be conflict around:

- a) the sunset provision (which means that the freeze would end in 5 yrs if nothing is done). A 5-yr review is preferred, meaning that the ordinance would be reviewed in 5 yrs, but not stopped.
- b) Reducing the money in the cap. A reduction would limit full tax opportunity for seniors.

**Senior Commission bylaws, Charge, Friends of Madison Senior Center.** Bylaws will be discussed at the October meeting since Craig was not able to make the meeting.

**Personnel Report:** Austin reported that three new hires were approved. The new hires are a server/prep person (29.5 hrs), a server (17.5 hrs) and a front desk person. Austin hopes to be fully staffed by Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. This bring the total MSC employees to 14.

#### **New Business:**

1. Austin submitted for the Municipal Excellence Program award through the CT conference of Municipalities (CCM).
2. Memberships and fees

- a. Meals-on-Wheels- Austin indicated that we should consider charging for MOW on a sliding scale. This practice is customary for most towns. This is now costing MSC about \$2500/mo or 30K per year.
  - b. Membership: Proposed \$5 per Madison resident for an annual fee. Activities would have member and non-member activity charges.
3. Update on public health fees- Madison's inspection fees (restaurants etc..) have increased. Madison is now charging inspection fees in line with other towns
  4. Update on busses- We now have 2 busses with wheelchair lifts in operation; we are awaiting for grant funds to pay for 3<sup>rd</sup> vehicle

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:28 pm. Jerry Kerins closed the meeting. Next meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Sanders