

**Chaplin Senior Center**

**Board of Directors**

**132 Chaplin Street**

**Chaplin, CT 06235**

The Board of Directors for the Chaplin Senior Center met for its regular meeting on Tuesday, **August 6, 2024**, in the Senior Center craft room.

Members present: Chairperson Irene Schein, Ellen Gillon, Carl Linkkila, Robin Hoagland, Ann Lewis, Dawn Gilbert, Janice Godaire, and Shirley Rakos; alternates Joyce St. Lawrence and Victoria Northrop (also acting as recording clerk); Director Lisa Kegler.

- 1. Irene Schein called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.** Joyce was seated as alternate for Crystal Gebhardt.
- 2. Additions to the Agenda:** Irene asked that the Board of Finance meeting on the town budget and its impact on the Center be discussed.
- 3. Audience for Citizens:** The Assistant Director, Lynn, was present.
- 4. Minutes:** The minutes of the Board Meeting of June 4, 2024 were approved after a motion was initiated by Janice and seconded by Robin.
- 5. Old Business**

**5a. Director's Report:**

- a. Special Revenue Fund: \$49,580.06
- b. Cash on Hand: \$204.77
- c. Membership: 407
- d. Dues Collected for 2024 thus far: \$2,004
- e. Correspondence: None

Lisa told the Board that the facility improvement involving the toilet replacement was underway. All eight of the toilets will be replaced with high pressure flush ADA compliant American Standard toilets, which are being installed by Villa and Sons Plumbing. Irene asked if Lisa knew what the warranty was for the toilets and their parts. Victoria researched online and found that while home-use warranties for American Standard toilets tend to be for 5 years, commercial/public facility use toilets are covered for 1 year. This will need to be verified, as we were unsure which exact models the toilets are.

Activities: The Center took 27 members to a ballgame in July with a bus ride to and from the game. The event was a happy outing and she plans to try to do it again in September.

Upcoming events include a blood pressure screening run by the Board of Health and a “Medicare 101” day to discuss changes coming up in 2025 Medicare. This will take place on 26 August, followed by an ice-cream social. The tax collector will come to the Center on August 7<sup>th</sup> for the convenience of the members. August 19<sup>th</sup> will see the annual picnic under the tent, which will be a semi-potluck with some food provided by the Center and other sides/desserts coming from members. The musician Bruce Johns will also perform. Lisa mentioned to the Board that the Library is offering free passes to museums and that she will let the seniors know that those are available.

### **5b. Art Committee Update**

- Irene says she will try to contact Bob Avery for the September show, as she has his contact information.
- Ellen Gillon will try to contact Peggy Church to see if she’s interested in showing weavings. She will also try to contact Debbie and Janet.
- Victoria will contact Michael Connor, her brother in law, to see if he would show his architectural drawings this winter. She will also ask Ann Chuk for suggestions of other local artists who might be interested.
- Victoria Northrop will show her paintings and drawings in the autumn or winter.
- The committee plans a collaborative show of previous exhibitors in November for potential Christmas sales.

**5c. Chorus Update:** the chorus performed a concert of TV theme songs at the Windham Senior Center on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Ellen plans to do a Christmas concert at the Chaplin Senior Center.

**5d. Facility Update:** Please see the Director’s Report

## **6. New Business**

- a) Events and Activities:** please see Director’s Report above. Lisa also mentioned that she is doing research and planning an autumn foliage bus tour of a scenic Massachusetts reservoir area followed by lunch at the Salem Cross Inn restaurant.
- b) Addendum to the Agenda:** discussion of the Board of Finance meeting and the town budget and its impact on the Senior Center. During the meeting, the budget of the Senior Center (among other public Chaplin facilities) was examined and seems to have no “fat to trim”. Lisa says that her budget for the next fiscal year did not ask for any increase. The Board discussed the impact of the depreciation of the Algonquin facility on the inflow to the tax revenues and how it would affect the mill rate and also discussed how education budgets impacted the town’s bottom line.

Irene recommended that Senior Center Board members attend the BoF and budget meetings.

- 7. Suggestions for Next Regular Meeting:** Follow up on the amended multi-function room guidelines and vote.
- 8. Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting is September 3, 2024 @ 10 a.m.
- 9. Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at 10:45

Minutes submitted by Victoria Northrop, recording clerk