

SUB-COMMITTEE
COUNCIL ON AGING
February 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by John Wild.

Present: John Wild, Barbara Clancy, Linda Lincoln, Brenda Metterville, Donna Neylon

Excused: Fredericka Lamonda, Rudy Heller

The first item on the agenda was to decide upon the next meeting date. It was agreed that the sub-committee would meet only once a month and would be at 3:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Donna will post the meetings.

We have learned that there will be a program at the Elementary school for the elders of the community. This program will be held on Thursday, March 19th at 1:30 pm and the school band and chorus will entertain. The meal is free because the school has a grant to pay but if the elder wants, he or she can donate to the Brookfield Food Pantry. The members of this group are grateful for the school including the elders in some of their programs!

Discussions regarding the next meetings:

- There will be an attempt to have more hand outs at these meetings (especially to announce what will come at the following meetings. Information regarding the school luncheon was given out at yesterday's gathering.
- The Town Clerk will create a list of residents 55 & over and intends to include their street address. After we have this, we can use this tool to help spread the word on our events.
- **March 3rd**: Program will be Estate Planning. Brenda is confirming that Brookfield resident, Attorney George will attend;
- **April 7th**: Slides of photographs by the Roberts. Brenda has already set this up. It was agreed that no entertainment (music) was needed at this event.
- **May 5th**: It was agreed to ask the Garden Club to host this program. Linda Lincoln will contact her sister who is a member of the Brookfield Garden Club and ask if they would come.
- **June 2nd**: We discussed having two or three people come to present their hobbies at this meeting – nothing firm.
- Brenda suggested having the Higgins Armory come from Worcester for our **September** meeting and she will contact them.
- Brenda also suggested a visit from the Worcester Art Museum. No action at this time.

- It was noted that Bob Wilder can't come on the first Tuesday of any month as he has a prior commitment so we won't be able to have him come for a "map day".
- We need to have a contest to name the "first Tuesday" group. Barbara Harrington had indicated to Barbara Clancy that she would pick up a gift certificate for Carmella's restaurant as the prize. This idea will be presented at the next "first Tuesday" gathering.
- Brenda will make up a handout to be put on refrigerators with important telephone numbers; she had a case of colored heavy paper given to her which she will use. We could hand out this information and other information that we may have at the Annual Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting in May.

There was a lot of participation from the individuals who attended yesterday's "first Tuesday" gathering. Barbara Harrington spoke and the representative from AARP spoke for nearly an hour. The attendance was low due to the poor road conditions.

Donna Neylon moved to adjourn at 1:45 pm; John Wild seconded; so voted.

Respectfully submitted:
Donna Neylon