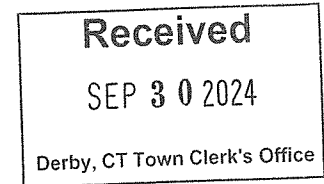


Derby Commission on the Elderly
Derby Senior Center
293 Main Street
September 9, 2024



Meeting was called to Order at 3:03 by Shirley Erickson, Chair

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: Shirley Erickson, Chair, Michael McFarland, Elizabeth Lally, , Ronald Sill, Janet Misiewicz, Jennifer Desroches, and Joan Shaw
Also attending: Dawn Hebert, Director.

There were no members of the public present.

The Director's Report for August 2024 was read by Ms. Hebert. Updates on Derby Senior Center activities were noted, as well as programming of trips and events. Ms. Hebert planned to attend the meeting of the full board of Aldermen/Alderwomen on September 12 to discuss additional staff for the Senior Center but the meeting has been postponed. She will add the item to the Board's agenda for the Special Aldermanic Meeting to be held on September 26. The report was accepted unanimously as moved by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms Shaw.

The Financial Report including the checking account register report was read and accepted as received on a motion by Ms Desroches, seconded by Mr. Sill. Motion carried.

Minutes of the June 2024 meeting were read and accepted on a motion by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms Lally. Motion carried with one abstention.

Old Business: The Center does not yet have use of the Senior Center van. A lengthy discussion ensued on this issue. The vehicle has been vandalized throughout the interior. Repairs are necessary before the van can be used for transportation. Raro Motor Car, LLC will attend to the mechanical issues. It is not known how repairs will be paid. The Commission seeks to be informed as to what exactly is wrong with the van, who will repair the van, who will pay for repairs, and the extent of insurance coverage on the vehicle.

Ms. Hebert stated that more staff is still needed at the Center. She suggests two part-time employees be added instead of one full time person in order to increase flexibility and coverage.

New Business: A bill has been received in the amount of approximately \$3,000 to cover overdue charges by the WPCA. In the past, the Center was not required to pay this cost and it has never been in the budget. Ms Hebert has been informed that the Center is responsible for the payment. More information is needed.

A suggestion was made that some money in the checking account be used for needs of the Center. Ms Hebert would like to get "My Senior Center Kiosk" in order to facilitate record keeping. Money could also be used to replace worn chairs and sofas in the building. Members stated that \$5,000 should be kept on hand.

A second suggestion was made that the Commission should address the physiological, safety, and social needs of Seniors in the community as presented in Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. The topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

Motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Sill and seconded by Mr. McFarland. Meeting adjourned at 4:14.

Respectfully,
Joan C Shaw
Joan C Shaw, Secretary