

**Rhode Island
Citizens' Commission for the
Care and Safety of the Elderly**

Minutes

June 9, 2005

Anna M. Tucker, Chairperson of the Commission, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnston Senior Center. John Smollins, Esq. distributed a sign in sheet.

Attendance: Anna M. Tucker, Anna Prior, Steve Dresner, Esq., Lu Brennan, John E. Quigley, Norm Chapman, Mary Cerra, and John F. Smollins, Jr., Esq.

Kathleen McNamee and Alfred Cardente were excused.

Lu Brennan provided an excellent report on her treatment with Macugen a drug for macular degeneration. She announced that her shots are to be covered by Medicare. Lu praised Congressman Kennedy for his help in facilitating Medicare coverage.

Mrs. Tucker indicated that she has set up a meeting with Chief Rick Susi, Head of the Fire Chief Association, for July 28, 2005, at the

Coast Guard House in Narragansett to open up a dialogue on Fire Advocate Participation with the Commission.

Steve Dresner, Esq., was honored with a Presidential Volunteer Service Award for 400 Hours of Volunteer Service to the Federal Government.

John Smollins recognized Norm Chapman for receiving a Consumer Award from Attorney General Patrick Lynch at the recent ceremony attended by the Governor and numerous former Attorney Generals.

Lu Brennan praised Sgt. Mike Kinch for his participation and talk at the April meeting.

Jack Quigley offered some helpful comments on future meetings.

Anna Tucker asked for a copy of the Governor's bill, H5957 relevant to enhancing the Commission. Norm Chapman provided a copy to her.

Steve Dresner proposed that the next meeting be held on July 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Epoch Assisted Living on the East Side located at One Butler Avenue, Providence and asked that John Smollins arrange it.

At 10:50 a.m. John Smollins moved to adjourn the meeting and Lu

Brennan and the Group concurred.

Respectfully submitted,

John Smollins, Jr., Esq.

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