

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

**November 10, 2005**

**Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnston Senior Center by Chairperson Anna M. Tucker.**

**Attendance: Anna Tucker, Chairperson, Steve Dresner, Esq., Norman Chapman, Jack Quigley, Mary Cerra, Lt. Eric Lariviere, Alfred W. Cardente, John F. Smollins, Jr., Esq. and DEA guest Paula Parker were present.**

**Anna Prior, Kathleen McNamee, Cliff Largess, Cindy A. Soccio, Esq., and Fire Chief Rick Susi were excused.**

**Best wishes for a quick recovery were expressed by the group for Anna Prior, who is in rehab. Norm Chapman advised the members of her situation.**

**Norman Chapman initiated a discussion on what should constitute a quorum. After some debate on the numbers, Norm withdrew his**

**motion.**

**Al Cardente motioned for 7 members to be a quorum until by-laws are approved. Steve Dresner seconds and the group approves.**

**Lt. Eric Lariviere of the RI State Police was welcomed as the newest member.**

**Paula Parker of DEA offered some useful suggestions for State Police involvement in the future. Lt. Lariviere observed the importance of local Police in protecting the elderly.**

**Paula Parker informed the group of the appointments of Roger Demers, Esq. and Steve Gasbarro, Esq., to the Attorney General's Prosecution Unit.**

**Anna Tucker appointed Norm Chapman, Jack Quigley and John Smollins, Esq. to the by- law committee. Paula Parker volunteered to help.**

**John Smollins, Esq., updated the list of senior police advocates and passed out copies. He indicated Fire Chief Rick Susi has provided him with a list of fire officials.**

**Letters will be sent to the Chiefs requesting fire advocate appointments.**

**Jack Quigley expressed concern about elderly abuse and theft by family members from elders. Norm Chapman suggested Tamarisk as the site of the Thursday, December 8, 2005 meeting at 10:00 a.m. He is to make the arrangements.**

**Norm Chapman inquired as to who would chair the meetings when Mrs. Tucker goes to Florida in January, if the vice chairperson is unable to preside.**

**Mrs. Tucker asked for nominations. John Smollins made a motion and nominated Norm Chapman as second vice chairperson. Jack Quigley seconded the motion and the group concurred. Norm Chapman expressed distress at convicts living in assisted living.**

**At 11:10 Mary Cerra moved to adjourn which was seconded by Steve Dresner and approved by the group.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
John Smollins, Jr., Esq.  
DEA Legal Counsel**