



## **Johnston Senior Citizens' Center Advisory Board**

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*Rhonda Sasa - Secretary*

*Peter Susi*

### **Minutes**

*Peter Lombardi, Jr.*

The Johnston Senior Citizens Advisory Board held a meeting on **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 4:00 pm** at the Johnston Senior Center Board Room, 1291 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919

The meeting was called to Order by Gena Bianco at 4:17 PM.

Present were Director Anthony Zompa and board members Gena Bianco, Gilbert Botelho, Rhonda Sasa, Peter Lombardi, Jr., Joseph Quartino and Peter Susi.

- **Approval of the minutes from the meeting held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

Peter Lombardi, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared by the Secretary, Rhonda Sasa.

The Motion was seconded by Joe Quartino.

Motion carried; Vote 6-0

- **Director's Report**

Director Anthony Zompa discussed his many accomplishments since our last meeting and included in the discussion was the following items:

Tony spoke of Hurricane Irene and how it affected the Senior Center. The Senior Center did not lose electricity Tony goes on to say how fortunate because the generator is not hooked up yet. The gas company advised Tony that a separate meter needs to be installed for the generator and will take up to 6 weeks and \$800.00 for installation of the line.

Johnston Officials including the Mayor meet Saturday prior to the storm and had a conference call with the EMA Director David De Cesare, and on-line with the National Weather Service and Tony stated that communication during the storm was excellent. They also met Sunday and Monday.

The Johnston Senior Center remained opened the weekend after the storm to provide water, electricity and for powering up cell phones, games etc. for the general public.

Tony then spoke about activities that took place in August and also the successful Mayors picnic in which 250 people attended.

Tony then went on to speak of upcoming events including the Pasta Dinner, the Sentimental Swing, and the Apple Festival. A short discussion ensued regarding gift baskets and coverage for the booth at the Apple Festival.

Tony also mentioned the on going Accreditation process with Kathy McKeon and how it will be moving forward.

Tony spoke of the sealing and painting of lines in the Senior Center parking lot and that a private contractor would be needed to complete the job.

Lastly, a short discussion regarding the portico plans for the Senior Center was discussed.

- **Chair Person's Report**

Gena's first question was regarding how the endowment fund was proceeding. She questioned if advertising has taken place and also mentioned that the tax regulations are changing and that more people may be interested in the fund. A short discussion ensued and will be taken up at the next meeting.

Gena attended the Mayors picnic and commended the excellent job by the Johnston Police Explores.

Gena has also been attending the Bingos and mentioned the great job by Marie and the volunteers. A short discussion ensued.

- **Old Business**

The shades were discussed and are working properly.

- **Setting of the next meeting date**

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was scheduled as our next meeting date and Rhonda requested moving the time to 4:30pm.

Gil made a motion to adjourn. The motion was second by Peter Lombardi, Jr.

Motion carried; Final Vote 6-0

Meeting adjournment at 5:16pm

Attest:

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Rhonda Sasa,  
Secretary of the Johnston Senior Center Advisory Board