

Commission on Aging
October 11, 2022 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Marjorie Mlodzinski, Roberta Avery, Treasurer Linda Pasternak, Rosanne Tousignant.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Nola Weston, Corresponding Secretary Gerrie Transue, Quinn Kozak Alternates William Otfinoski, Terry Brown.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Finance Liaison Art Shilosky, Senior Services Director Patty Watts, Senior Center Program Coordinator Jodie Savage.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mlodzinski called this Regular Meeting to order at 8:30 am.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Mlodzinski led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and then welcomed Board of Finance member Art Shilosky as the new liaison from Board of Finance.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were requested.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The September 12, 2022, minutes were available for approval.

Motion by: R. Avery

to approve the September 12, 2022, minutes as read.

Second by: L. Pasternak.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 CoA

Treasurer L. Pasternak reported that there has been no change in the accounts.

There is \$416.26 in the CoA Account, \$4.70 in the Wellness Fair Account and \$.80 in the Printing and Publications Account.

6.2 Senior Center

See attached report.

7. CHAIR REPORT

Vice Chair Mlodzinski noted the Town Green Revitalization project is ongoing. There will be a new path, new lights, and a new sign. The hybrid room for zoom meetings should be completed within a week. The CORE committee has a vacancy. Chair Weston will present a schedule of the 2023 meeting dates at the next commission meeting for approval. The new playground should be completed this month.

Art Shilosky discussed the budget and how important it is to get the budget passed.

8. DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

See attached report.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Senior Center Building Committee

The ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for October 21 at 11:00 am. A ceremony will be held at the Town Hall after the actual groundbreaking.

9.2 Norton Park Committee

Linda Pasternak noted that the Norton Park Committee has submitted a request for an additional Brownfield Grant for the remediation.

9.3 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The ARPA Committee has been having joint meetings with the Board of Selectmen with presentations from department heads about their requests.

9.4 Education Sub Committee

Program Coordinator Jodie Savage presented the survey that will be done through Survey Monkey. Questions were reviewed and some changes were suggested.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

11. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: R. Avery

to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: R. Tousignant.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Vice Chair Mlodzinski adjourned this meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

Director of Senior Services Report CoA Meeting October 11, 2022

We filled our giant lunch box during last month's Back to School Food Drive. Non-perishable food was donated to the Colchester Food Bank.

Our "Construct a Cookie" booth at Celebrate Colchester was a hit with kids of all ages. Parents sent photos to our Facebook page of their children decorating and enjoying the cookies at home. Kudos to Jodi and our volunteers who baked the cookies from scratch and staffed the booth.

The Colchester Memory Makers had a team of 10 walkers present at the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 24th on a beautiful day at Ocean Beach Park. We raised \$1660, which includes money collected during our Forget-Me-Not Fundraiser.

Town budget failed at referendum on Wednesday, September 28th. Date for a 4th referendum vote has not been set.

AARP held its Meet the Candidate's Forum here on Tuesday, October 4th.

Our Flu Vaccination Clinic is full for the October 14th date. Both flu shots and COVID bivalent boosters will be available. We are hoping to get a November date for this also.

CSC member, Georg Papp, has been working on establishing a Ham Radio Club here. He will be giving a presentation to gauge the level of interest. He has received donations of all necessary equipment to hold this program.

Pat McCarthy from Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home will be leading a requested program on Funeral Pre-Planning on Monday, October 24th.

Looking forward to a few special events this month including an Oktoberfest luncheon with live entertainment by Bellows & Ivory; our Annual Costume & Pizza Party; and hopefully the Ground Breaking for our new senior center.

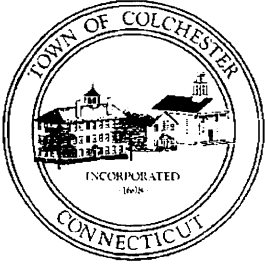
We've got a crafting crew working on a Scarecrow for the CBA's Scarecrow on the Green Contest, and then will begin working on a tree for the Wadsworth Festival of Trees and Traditions. This year's tree will be chicken themed to honor Colchester's history of Poultry Farming.

Open Enrollment for Medicare begins on October 15th through December 7th. We will have 2 Open Enrollment events with Senior Resources on November 18th and December 2nd.

With the resignation of our Social Service Coordinator, I stepped in and helped finish the season of Renters' Rebate—which ended on October 1st. We have gotten some support from TVCCA for the Energy Assistance Program and are prioritizing those with deliverable fuel sources for those appointments.

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals delivered in August: Community Café: 423 MOW: 656
- Monthly transports in August: 796
- Monthly attendance in August: 2,294
- Total Membership: 1,615



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Patricia A. Watts, Director of Senior Services/Municipal Agent

Transportation Itemization for September 2022

Item	Date	Amount
Daily Transportation	9/29/2022	\$155.00 Total
 Trips	 9/29/2022	 \$174.00 Total
 Combined Total		 \$329.00
 Year to Date Total		 \$835.00