Commission on Aging March 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting Senior Center 95 Norwich Avenue

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Jean Stawicki, Linda Grzeika, Nan Wasniewski, Goldie Liverant at 8:55 am. (one vacancy).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roberta Avery, Treasurer Marjorie Mlodzinski.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director of Senior Services Patty Watts, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Board of Finance Liaison Mike Egan, Board of Education Liaison Mary Tomasi, Guest Linda Pasternak.

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

A quorum was not present so Chair Stawicki opened the meeting for discussion of items until G. Liverant arrived and the meeting was then called to order at 8:55 am.

#### 2. Additions to the Agenda

L. Grzeika introduced Linda Pasternak as a guest interested in membership.

# 3. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by: L. Grzeika

to approve the minutes with the correction of the spelling of Linda Grzeika's

name.

Second by: N. Wasniewski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

# 4. Financial Report

As M. Mlodzinski is away there is no CoA Financial Report. Director Watts presented the following:

# Transportation Itemization for February 2019

Daily Transportation Trips	2/22/19 2/22/19	\$138.00 40.00
Combined Total		\$178.00
Year to Date Total		\$1939.76

# 5. Director of Senior Services Report

Director Watts submitted a report noting that Maria (Panos) Panagiotakakos is no longer with the senior center, effective March 4, 2019. A new Program Coordinator, Matthew Snyder, will be starting this month.

The Colchester Senior Center (CSC) was able to send \$60.00 that was donated to the American Heart Association during the month of February.

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The Center is taking donations toward raffle baskets for TVCCS's annual Carnevale fundraiser that supports Meals On Wheels (MOW) deliveries throughout the region.

AARP Tax Aide has trained volunteers providing free tax preparation services beginning February 8 through March 29, all dates were filled so they offered April 5, that is also full. April 12 has been left open for overflow or weather related cancellations.

A grant for renewal funding for the Making Memories Program for FY 2020 will be submitted by March 21, 2019, to Senior Resources.

Savings Institute Bank & Trust is making a donation to CSC that will be received today.

This Wednesday is the annual Luck 'o the Irish Luncheon. A traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Lunch catered by TVCCA. John Banker will be the musical entertainment.

Staff will be attending a Basics of Cyber Risk Training on Thursday, March 21, 2019.

AARP Chapter #4019 will be sponsoring a program on Tuesday, April 2, at 1:30 pm with First Selectman Art Shilosky and Selectman Rosemary Coyle for an update on the new senior center.

Invitations will be mailed out for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch on Friday, April 26, 2019. The senior center will be closed that day. Only bus transportation to bring volunteers in, if needed.

#### **Attendance and Meals Served:**

• Meals served in January: on site: 169 MOW: 373

• Monthly Transports in January: 696

• Monthly Attendance in January: 1795

• Total Membership: 1230

#### 6. Old Business

6.1 Commission on Aging Roundtable

Chair Stawicki asked for suggestions for topics and/or speakers for the roundtable that will be held in Colchester on July 18, 2019. Suggestions were legislative items to do with Seniors, creating a resource list for seniors aging in place, further discussion next month.

A reminder that Pam Atwood will be speaking about Senior Bullying on April 23, 2019, at 10:30 am at the Senior Center. Light refreshments to be provided by CoA members and beverages provided by Senior Center.

#### 7. New Business

No new business at this time.

# 8. CoA Projects

# 8.1 Brochure/Logo

L. Grzeika has done some research on a potential logo for the Commission, however, in discussion it was stated that the Commission is under the Town and really does not need a logo. The brochure is something that is still being discussed.

# 8.2. Email Address - monitor/delete

The Commission has an email address that has not been monitored for a long time. L. Grzeika will look into any activity and a decision will be made whether to continue or delete the email.

# 9. Commission Membership

At this time there is one member and two alternate positions vacant.

# 10. Citizens' Comments

None received.

# 11. Adjournment

Motion by: G. Liverant

to adjourn this Regular Meeting. **Second by:** N. Wasniewski

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn.

Chair Stawicki adjourned this meeting at 9:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade Clerk