

Commission on Aging  
April 8, 2019 – Regular Meeting  
Senior Center  
95 Norwich Avenue

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Jean Stawicki, Treasurer Marjorie Mlodzinski, Vice Chair Linda Grzeik, Nan Wasniewski, Goldie Liverant, Roberta Avery, (one vacancy).

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

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chair Stawicki called this Regular Meeting to order at 8:30 am.  
Director Watts introduced Matthew Snyder as the new Program Coordinator.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

**Motion by:** R. Avery  
to add Item 8.3. – Website, under CoA Projects.

**Second by:** G. Liverant.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**3. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**Motion by:** N. Wasniewski  
to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2019, Commission meeting as read.

**Second by:** G. Liverant.

**Abstaining:** R. Avery, M. Mlodzinski (absent from meeting).

**Vote:** Unanimous by all others to approve.

**4. Financial Report**

Treasurer Mlodzinski noted \$466.26 in the CoA budget and \$171.00 in the Town Printing and Publications line item.

P. Watts did not have a report for March but the deposit was \$1,939.76.

**5. Director of Senior Services Report**

Matthew Snyder is the new Program Coordinator. He began on Monday, March 18, 2019. He is training for the administrative duties of his job including email blasts, creating and maintaining poster/tickets, managing attendance statistics and the monthly Program Coordinator's report, booking programs and developing the monthly newsletter. P. Watts has received very enthusiastic feed back from members and staff.

Colchester Senior Center (CSC) donated a raffle basket for Thames Valley annual Carnevale fundraiser that was held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. It was entitled "What's Cooking? An Italian Feast!" and was filled with cookware, tools and food valued at \$125.00. A thank you to the staff and members of CSC for their generosity.

AARP Tax Aide will end April 12th. This has been a very busy season, and two additional days were added to accommodate more appointments. Typically they will offer eight days in a tax season, this year they did ten. A final tally of people served will be available next month.

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Director Watts is currently writing a grant for the Municipal Grant Program through the DOT. These funds of up to \$33,320.00 support the out-of-town medical transportation.

Rosemary Coyle and Art Shilosky were the guests at an AAPR program on April 2nd, where they gave an update about the new Senior Center. The timeline that was discussed includes April-June 2019 – establish and appoint a Building Committee, June 2020 – design and construction documents completed by architect, Fall 2020- referendum, April 2010 ground breaking and April 2022 project completed. This is a best-case scenario, but it was very encouraging and exciting to the staff and members to hear these dates.

Colchester Senior Center will be closed on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Good Friday and closed operationally on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for the annual Volunteer Appreciation event.

Attendance and Meals Served:

- Meals served in February: on site: 183 MOW: 293
- Monthly transports in February: 661
- Monthly Attendance in February: 1790
- Total Membership: 1249

## **6. Old Business**

### **6.1 Commission on Aging Roundtable**

This Commission is hosting the quarterly meeting of the Commission on Aging Roundtable on July 18, 2019, at 1:00 pm. P. Watts has contacted Diane Stone, Director of the Newington Senior and Disabled Center, as a possible speaker. Further discussion is planned for a later date.

### **6.2 April 23, 2019 – Senior Bullying – Speaker P. Atwood**

Members have offered to bring baked goods for this event. The Senior Center will provide beverages. L. Grzeika is working on a flyer.

## **7. New Business**

The April Commission on Aging Round Table is scheduled for April 18, 2019, at 1:00 pm. in Columbia. R. Avery and J. Stawicki plan to attend.

## **8. CoA Projects**

### **8.1 Brochure/Logo**

The consensus of the Commission members is to not pursue a logo as other Commissions use the Town logo. R. Avery had several brochures from other towns. An insert in one brochure was a list of local businesses that offer discounts to seniors. R. Avery will bring a mock-up of a brochure for the members to review next month. After the brochure is finalized, members may decide to contact local businesses to seek participation with discounts.

The Senior Resource Guide needs to be edited for a reprint. However, as they are needed now, it was discussed to reprint without the changes until a committee has time to review and edit.

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**Motion by:** R. Avery  
to reprint up to 100 guides to not exceed \$171.00.  
**Second by:** M. Mlodzinski.  
**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**8.2 Email Address - monitor/delete**

Last month it was noted that the email address has not been monitored. L. Grzeika offered to look into the amount of emails that have been received and the Commission then can decide whether to keep the email address or delete it. A report will be given at the next meeting.

**8.3 Website**

The Town launched a new website in February that is easier to navigate and allows departments and commissions the ability to add and delete information as needed. Chair Stawicki noted the physical address for meetings was missing. L. Grzeika will add the street address to the Commission on Aging webpage.

**9. Commission Membership**

The Commission has one vacancy for full membership and two alternate positions available. Linda Pasternak stated she would like to fill out an application for membership.

**Motion by:** R. Avery  
to endorse L. Pasternak as a member for the Commission on Aging.  
**Second by:** N. Wasniewski.  
**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**10. Citizens' Comments**

M. Egan and R. Coyle reviewed some of the challenges and impact of State monies on this year's Town and BOE budget.

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion by:** L. Grzeika  
to adjourn this regular meeting.  
**Second by:** R. Avery.  
**Vote:** Unanimous to adjourn.

Chair Stawicki adjourned this meeting at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk