

Commission on Aging
July 12, 2021 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Nan Wasniewski, Treasurer Roberta Avery, Linda Pasternak, Rosanne Tousignant, Sandra Gaetano, Alternates Nola Weston and Quinn Kozak.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Marjorie Mlodzinski, Secretary Gerrie Transue.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Education Liaison Mary Tomasi, Senior Center Director Patty Watts, Cathy Russi.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wasniewski led the commission members in the pledge.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were requested.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Cathy Russi commented on the new Senior Center cost presentations and felt the cost of staff and maintenance should be included.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 21, 2021

Motion by: L. Pasternak

to approve the minutes as submitted of the Special Meeting on June 21, 2021.

Second by: R. Avery.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 CoA

Treasurer Avery noted the CoA budget stands at \$466.26 and the Printing & Publication Line item in the new Town budget that has not been approved to date.

6.2 Senior Center

See attached transportation reports.

7. CHAIR REPORT

None at this time.

8. DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

See attached.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Community-Wide Health Fair

The CoA health fair committee members are waiting until September to begin planning

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as the other groups are particularly busy during the summer months, such as Youth Services, Parks & Recreation, etc. The school calendar also has to be set to confirm the date.

9.2 Senior Center Building Committee

P. Watts stated the committee continues to meet. The members are in a public information phase meeting with various groups, planning evening tours of the present center and the plans are on the town website. A brochure will be going out to all households before the September 23 referendum date.

9.3 Norton Park Committee

Chair Wasniewski said the Committee is waiting for the house to be demolished and the final clearing of the land to be done. Boy Scout Troop 109 held a clean-up day at the site. The Colchester Land Trust and The Colchester Fish & Game Club held a hike in conjunction with the Connecticut Parks and Forest Association at the property.

Fundraising is ongoing.

13. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

The Commission is at full membership.

14. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

R. Avery noted that a review of the by-laws to bring them up to date and possibly add criteria for holding office should be scheduled.

At the last meeting, C. Russi asked about the replacement windows for the current senior center building that were scheduled to be replaced. Since then C. Russi spoke with Public Works Director J. Paggioli to find that the windows are on a project list that is long.

C. Russi said the senior center should be a one-stop shopping place for referrals and for services available to seniors.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: R. Avery
to adjourn.

Second by: L. Pasternak.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn.

Vice Chair Wasniewski adjourned this meeting at 9:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

**Director of Senior Services Report
CoA Meeting July 12, 2021**

TVCCA has determined that we can go back to serving the Café meal on-site, effective July 19th. We are working to get everyone registered and the program back up and running with our Site Server, Valerie Webster. The Café meal is offering a Salad option on Fridays.

We anticipate being able to bring back coffee and baked goods in August, several weeks after the Café Meals are reinstated.

September we will bring back in-person fitness classes in a hybrid fashion. Folks can exercise on site or via Zoom. The flexibility to continue to participate from home was heavily requested, and we will do our best to accommodate it.

Trips are selling surprisingly well. The Hudson River Cruise (September), Bistro Train (October) and Van Gogh Immersive Experience in Boston (November) have all sold out already.

We have 2 New Senior Center Info Sessions happening at the CSC on July 28th at 10:30 a.m. and August 9th at 1:30 p.m. with the Senior Center Building Committee.

I will be giving evening tours of the current senior center on 4 Wednesday evenings beginning July 28th through August 18th all at 7 p.m., followed by a brief presentation by the SCBC about the Proposed Senior Center.

I'm celebrating a milestone birthday this month. Please join us for a 50th Birthday party on July 21st for cake, punch, music, games and a collection of non-perishable foods to benefit the Colchester Food Bank.

We will be celebrating the Opening Ceremonies of the Tokyo Olympics with a "Breakfast of Champions" gathering on July 23rd.

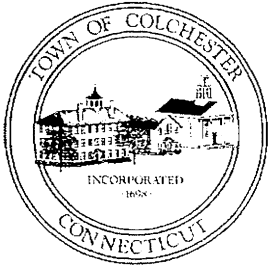
National Health Care is sponsoring a drive-thru Ice Cream Truck Event. We will be using Citizens' Bank parking lot for that.

Farmer's Market Voucher distribution has been rescheduled to July 15th. The Vouchers were delayed coming in from the State. Farmer's Market Vouchers are available, as supplies last, for those over the age of 60 who meet income eligibility. There will also be a booth at the August 1st Farmer's Market in Colchester, where seniors can sign out Farmer's Market Vouchers.

Renters' Rebate season is in progress. Appointments may be made for those who meet the program's criteria with Stephanie Turbes in the Social Services office.

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals delivered in May: Community Café: 432 MOW: 451
- Monthly transports in May: 564
- Monthly attendance in May: 1,219
- Total Membership: 1,408



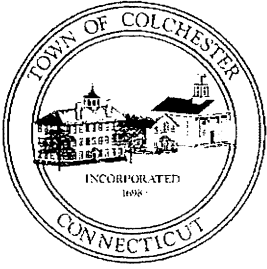
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Transportation Itemization for May 2021

| Item | Date | Amount |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Daily Transportation | 5/31/2021 | \$0.00 Total |
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| Trips | 5/31/2021 | \$0.00 Total |
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| Combined Total | | \$0.00 |
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| Year to Date Total | | \$584.50 |



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Transportation Itemization for June 2021

| Item | Date | Amount | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------|
| Daily Transportation | 6/04/2021 | \$142.00 | Total |
| Daily Transportation | 6/30/2021 | \$50.00 | Total |
| Trips | 6/04/2021 | \$25.00 | Total |
| Trips | 6/30/2021 | \$28.00 | Total |
| Combined Total | | \$245.00 | |
| Year to Date Total | | \$829.50 | |