

Commission on Aging
July 10, 20 - Regular Meeting
Town Hall - Room 2
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Marge Mlodzinski, Vice Chair Nola Weston, Treasurer Linda Pasternak, Corresponding Secretary Gerrie Transue, Rosanne Tousignant, Roberta Avery, Terry Brown, Alternates William Otfinoski and Bonnie Trecarten.

OTHERS PRESENT: Senior Services Director Patty Watts, Board of Finance Liaison Art Shilosky, Cathy Russi, Steve Coyle.

The meeting was held in person and recorded due to technical difficulties with the hybrid equipment.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marge Mlodzinski called this Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mlodzinski led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were requested.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Cathy Russi thanked Senior Center Director P. Watts for advertising that Social Services is also helping with the renters rebate applications.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2023 MINUTES

Minutes of the June 12, 2023 were submitted for review and approval.

Motion by: R. Avery

to approve the June 12, 2023, minutes as read.

Second by: L. Pasternak.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

6. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Mlodzinski thanked T. Brown and N. Weston for their work with the very successful vendor fair and R. Avery and L. Pasternak for the work on the Resource Guide. B. Trecarten had her interview with the Board of Selectman and has been approved as an alternate for the CoA.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

7.1 CoA

L. Pasternak noted the accounts for 2022-2023 had \$2.64 left in the Health Fair account and a \$1.90 in the Printing and Publications account.

7.2 Senior Center

Report attached.

8. DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

Report attached.

9. LIAISON REPORTS

9.1 Board of Education - no report

9.2 Board of Finance

A. Shilosky noted there was a correction to the grand list and the Boards are waiting for updated numbers for the 23-24 budget with a meeting on Wednesday to further discuss the budget. The dates for the budget referendum and the Senior Center referendum have not been set at this time.

9.3 Board of Selectmen

Selectman R. Coyle spoke about the Senior Center funding issues and explained the funding and grants that have been applied to the building project. Selectman Coyle also spoke about the Nip

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Bottle Bill Disbursements that are sent to the Town.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Senior Center Building Committee

Chair Mlodzinski stated the foundation is in for the building, steel columns will be next.

10.2 Norton Park

No further information at this time. The committee did not meet in July.

10.3 AARP

R. Avery said the next meeting for AARP is September 5, 2023. This Commission will give a presentation at 2:00 pm. In October Senior Building Committee Chair Tarnowski will give an update on the new Senior Center and a 'meet the candidates' event is planned. AARP is hoping to plan other collaborations with the Senior Center and CoA.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Programs for 2023

The Education Sub-Committee is working with J. Savage to set dates for possible programs to do with wills, trusts and scams.

11.2 325th Town Birthday Celebration

The Park & Recreation Department is planning a 325th Anniversary Celebration for two weekends in October - October 7 and 8 and Oct 13 and 14, 2023. Various businesses and organizations are planning activities. The Senior Center will have an Open House with activities for all ages.

12. MEMBERSHIP

12.1 Voting on Bonnie Trecarten - Alternate

Motion by: R. Avery

to approve the appointment of B. Trecarten as an alternate member.

Second by: L. Pasternak.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

13. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Cathy Russi mentioned honoring all employees and adjusting the calendar so they could enjoy a lunch. C. Russi has a notebook with pictures of the first lunch served at the Senior Center and is willing to loan the book to be displayed at the 325th Birthday Celebration.

Chair Mlodzinski said the hybrid meeting format is not working well and would like to seek further training and then use the hybrid format only in the winter months.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: R. Avery

to adjourn.

Chair Mlodzinski adjourned this meeting at 10:00 am

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk