

Commission on Aging
June 10, 2019 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jean Stawicki, Vice Chair Linda Greizka, Treasurer Marjorie Mlodzinski, Goldie Liverant, Roberta Avery, Nan Wasniewski, Linda Pasternak.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions requested.

3. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

A correction was requested to the Senior Center Director’s Report in Item 4 Transportation Report, to read “April”, not May 2019.

Motion by: L. Greizka
to approve the minutes as corrected.

Second by: R. Avery

Vote: Unanimous to approve as read.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Mlodzinski noted there is \$14.40 in the Town Line Item Printing and Publications and \$466.26 in the CoA budget.

P. Watts submitted the following:

Transportation Itemization for May 2019

Daily Transportation	6/04/19	\$ 90.00
Trips	6/04/19	69.00
Combined Total		<u>\$159.00</u>
Year to Date Total		\$2577.01

5. DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

Director Watts stated Program Coordinator Matt Snyder, resigned unexpectedly and without notice. The position is posted and open to applicants until June 14, 2019, when interviews will begin with potential candidates. P. Watts attended an all-day conference/training by a professional organization, Connecticut Association for Senior Center Personnel (CASCP.) The keynote speaker was the President/CEO of the National Council on Aging (NCOA).

Public Works Department has a plan to replace all of the windows in the building, possibly in July or August.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Last Thursday, the Center had a wonderful 75th Anniversary of D-Day tribute featuring CSC member, Walter Karrenberg, sharing his stories from the war, as a paratrooper landing on Normandy Beach on D-Day and later being captured as a POW. It was a well-attended and moving time. River East News Bulletin did a feature article about Wally and a member of the Hartford Courant was here covering the event.

The poster for the CoA Round Table meeting on July 18, has been emailed with reservations already coming in.

The third Annual Senior Art Show is planned for later this month. The show will be judged by art faculty at WMMS, Chris Taylor and the best in each category of Painting, Drawing, Photography and Sculpture will go on to represent Colchester in a regional Senior Art Show at the Senior Expo in Norwich in August.

A June 21st trip is planned to the Colchester Historical Museum to view their newest exhibits

The bus trip to Thimble Islands Cruise is sold out, 48 members will be traveling.

The Board of Selectmen are seeking 7-9 members to comprise a Building Committee for a new senior center. Applications may be submitted to the First Selectman's Office.

A large group will be traveling to Captain's Scott's for lunch on June 28, 2019.

Staff evaluations were completed by the end of May and P. Watts reviewed them with each staff member. The Director noted there is an excellent and hard-working staff and she is proud of their kindness and professionalism in the many ways they serve the members.

Director Watts is preparing a Power Point presentation called 'Everything You Didn't Know About Your Senior Center'. She plans to approach the local civic groups to educate the public about the mission of a senior center and demonstrate how a new senior center will benefit the entire community.

Attendance and Meals Served:

- Meals served in April: on site: 149 MOW: 311
- Monthly Transports in April: 2178
- Monthly Attendance in April: 2178
- Total Membership: 1287

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 July Commission on Aging Roundtable

P. Watts has prepared a flyer promoting the July 18 meeting. The Senior Center will provide beverages, members will provide refreshments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating presented a slate of officers for election:

Chair - M. Mlodzinski

Vice Chair – N. Wasniewski

Treasurer – R. Avery

Corresponding Secretary – G. Liverant

No further discussion.

7.2 Election of Officers

Motion by: G. Liverant

for the Secretary to cast one vote to elect the slate as presented.

Second by: M. Mlodzinski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

8. CoA PROJECTS

8.1 Brochure

R. Avery will bring a completed draft to the meeting in July for approval.

8.2 Senior Resource Guide

Ninety copies were made and a major review for changes will be done in the Fall.

8.3 Email Address

The email address for the Commission has not been working and the discussion has been whether to drop it or activate it and then monitor the address.

Motion by: L. Greizka

to remove the address from the Town website.

Second by: G. Liverant.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

8.4 Website

The updating of the website is done through the Selectman's office. Any requests for additions or deletions must be addressed to that office.

8.5 New Senior Center Status

Currently applications are being sought and it is hoped that a committee will be appointed by July or August.

8.6 Joining CT Coalition on Aging

Jean Stawicki will continue to follow up on membership for the coalition.

9. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Linda Pasternak has joined the Commission as a full voting member.

10. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None received.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: L. Greizka
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: N. Wasniewski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Stawicki adjourned this meeting at 9:27 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk