



# TOWN OF COLCHESTER

Commission on Aging  
95 Norwich Ave., Colchester, Connecticut 06415  
(860) 537-3911  
*Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow*

RECEIVED  
COLCHESTER, CT

2016 JUN 14 AM 9:23

*[Signature]*  
Suzanne Furman  
TOWN CLERK

## Colchester Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 13, 2016 - Colchester Senior Center

**Members Present:** Jean Stawicki, Ellie Phillips, Goldie Liverant, Marion Stanavage, Marjorie Mlodzinski

**Members Absent:** Rose Levine, Rob Gustafson, Jennifer Raybern DeHay

**Others Present:** Patty Watts, Mary Tomasi, Andrea Migliaccio

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** J. Stawicki called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Possible Seating of Alternate:** No alternates were seated.
- 3. Minutes:** E. Phillips motioned to accept the May 9, 2016 meeting minutes. M. Mlodzinski seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.  
**M. Stanavage motioned to move Item 11 between Items 3&4. E. Phillips seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

**11. Vote on New Commission on Aging Officers:** G. Liverant presented the following slate: J. Stawicki for Chair, E. Phillips for Vice-Chair, R. Levine for Corresponding Secretary and M. Mlodzinski for Treasurer. M. Stanavage motioned to accept the slate as presented. G. Liverant seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. J. Stawicki called for a vote on the slate. All members present voted to accept the slate.

- 4. Financial Report:** P. Watts reported the daily transportation collection for May 2016 was \$64.35 and out of town trips was \$55 for a total of \$119.35. The YTD total is \$2,616.47.
- 5. Senior Center Director's Report:** P. Watts reported that the center received a \$200 donation from AARP Chapter #4019. The Fire Marshall received a grant for a smoke and carbon monoxide detector installation program. If you are a senior who owns your own home, they will come in and inspect your units, change batteries or install units if needed. There is another meeting with the First Selectman and Sr. Center Sub Committee members on Wednesday, June 22 at 4:30. It will be a Q&A format to educate citizens about the purchase of the building. There will be a Paint Night fundraiser on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, a fundraiser at Sweet Frog to benefit the Making Memories Program on July 28<sup>th</sup> and the annual Golf Tournament on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The awards ceremony for the golf tournament will be held at St. Andrews this year. The Grant Awards Hearing for the Making Memories Program will be this Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Senior Resources in Norwich. Membership renewals in MySeniorCenter will begin in July. Current programming: Sizzlin' Summer BBQ on 6/20 with a country & western band, Digital File of Life for iPhone users on 6/29, Arthritis Pain Management on 6/30 and a Patriotic Picnic on 7/5. Upcoming Trips: CT Lighthouse Cruise on 8/17 (sold out), Royal Lipizzaner Horse Show on 8/19 in Woodstock, CT, Lady Kate Cruise and Bye Bye Birdie at The Goodspeed on 8/31, Plaza Suite at Newport Playhouse on 10/3, Middlebury Christmas in VT from 12/7-12/9 and Springtime Tulip River Cruise in Europe from 4/6-4/14/17. April meals statistics were: 147 Bistro and special meals served, 109 Community Café meals served and 483 Meals-on-Wheels delivered. May statistics: Attendance: 1,237 over 21 days. Transports in May were 852. At the end of May, there were 942 seniors registered in MySeniorCenter.

- 6. Status of Strategic Team Planning Meetings:** P. Watts reported that the group met last Monday and they worked on revising the mission statement. They are currently developing a vision statement. Both statements along with a strategic plan are all necessary for the process of accreditation. Patty is working on the narrative from all the site visits to present to the Senior Center Sub-Committee that details all their findings and recommendations.
- 7. Status of CoA Funding in Current Budget:** M. Mlodzinski will find out what is in the budget for the Commission on Aging.
- 8. Status of Purchase of Current Senior Center:** P. White reported that the group will be targeting the community to educate and inform regarding the purchase of the building. They have speaking points already prepared and want to meet with as many citizens as possible before the referendum which has not been set yet.
- 9. Fundraising:** J. Stawicki reported that J. DeHay firmed up July 2nd to fundraise at Stop & Shop. E. Phillips and M. Mlodzinski volunteered to sit at a table at the other entrance. G. Liverant showed an advertisement from a magazine for the car cane. J. Stawicki also reported that the Commission on Aging was awarded \$250 from the Lion's Club. She thanked R. Levine for her work on the application and process.
- 10. CoA Projects:**
  - 11a. Senior Resource Guide:** R. Levine emailed that she will be sending the guide to Donna for formatting.  
G. Liverant left the meeting.
  - 11b. New Project:** E. Phillips asked the group again to go through the suggestions she distributed last meeting for a program topic and email her before the next meeting. In order to host an event in the fall, a topic needs to be chosen soon. P. White talked about programming the center is planning for September and suggested that the Commission host one of the programs. E. Phillips and M. Mlodzinski will meet with Becky and report back in July.
- 11. See above.**
- 12. Old Business:** J. Stawicki reported that she attended the FOI presentation and it was very informative. They are held annually around the state so there will be another opportunity soon. She also attended the Lion's Club Annual Night of Giving with R. Levine and the Senior Center Round Table meeting with E. Phillips where they discussed transportation and housing.
- 13. New Business:** M. Mlodzinski asked about the status of the Commission on Aging in the state budget. P. White explained that they have consolidated areas and while the CoA has not been eliminated, it is not as well-resourced as it has been in the past.
- 14. Citizen's Comments:** None.
- 15. Adjournment:** E. Phillips motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. M. Mlodzinski seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle Komoroski