

Commission on Aging
March 12, 2018 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jean Stawicki, Vice Chair Ellie Phillips, Goldie Liverant, Linda Grzeika, Treasurer Marjorie Mlodzinski, Jennifer Raybern DeHay, Roberta Avery.

OTHERS PRESENT: Senior Center Director Patty Watts, Board of Selectman Liaison Rosemary Coyle, Board of Finance Liaison Mike Egan, Board of Education Liaison Mary Tomasi, Nan Wasniewski.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stawicki called this Regular Meeting to order at 8:31 am.

2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

January 8, 2018, and February 12, 2018, meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion by: L. Grzeika

To approve the January 8, 2018, minutes as read.

Second by: E. Phillips.

Vote: Opposed: No one.

In favor: J. Stawicki, E. Phillips, L. Grzeika, G. Liverant,
M. Mlodzinski, J. Raybern DeHay.

Abstaining: R. Avery (absent). Motion APPROVED.

Motion by: L. Grzeika

To approve the February 12, 2018, minutes with a correction to Members Absent to include M. Mlodzinski.

Second by: G. Liverant.

Vote: In favor: E. Phillips, L. Grzeika, G. Liverant.

Opposed: No one.

Abstaining: J. Stawicki, M. Mlodzinski, J. Raybern DeHay,
R. Avery (all absent). Motion APPROVED.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

M. Mlodzinski noted that \$300 in the CoA Printing & Publication line item could be used for tickets for the Gala to be held in September. L. Greizka will look into the printing costs for the tickets for the April meeting.

Motion by: R. Avery

To use the \$300 in the Printing & Publication line item to print tickets for the Gala.

Second by: L. Greizka.

Vote: In favor: L. Greizka, M. Mlodzinski, R. Avery, E. Phillips,
G. Liverant, J. Rayburn DeHay.

Opposed: No one.

Abstaining: J. Stawicki. Motion APPROVED.

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Director Watts reported the January Transportation Itemization for daily transportation was \$122.66 and trips \$72.00. February was zero. The year to date total is \$2006.77.

4. DIRECTOR OF SENIOR CENTER REPORT

Director Watts reviewed the report dated March 12, 2018, stating that the Senior Center was used during the recent snowstorm as a warming and charging station. It was suggested that members should contact the legislators to protect the Medicare Savings Program income thresholds. At this time, the threshold amounts are set to expire on June 30, 2018.

Reports for February and March are attached.

5. STATUS OF ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET

The Annual Report has been submitted and Selectman Coyle stated it is included in the Board of Selectmen's minutes. Discussion followed regarding the budget. A Board of Finance Budget Forum to deal with senior issues was cancelled due to snow and has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 21, 2018, to be held at Town Hall at 6:30 pm.

6. CoA PROJECTS

E. Phillips noted that the May 3 luncheon program on Senior Financial Scams sponsored by Chestelm will be held at the Senior Center. Transportation will be provided. The program is set for approximately 30 people.

Discussion followed on the Gala program that will include a short history of the center, lunch, dancing, entertainment and a cash bar. A deposit has been given to Villa Louisa in Bolton. Bus transportation will be provided. The gala committee is scheduled to meet this morning.

7. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Nan Wasniewski has applied to fill an alternate position leaving only one alternate position open. As N. Wasniewski was on the Commission many years ago and knows the history, the members asked if she might give a short talk at the next meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding a welcome letter to include Senior Center background information to be an insert in the Senior Resource Guide. Director Watts has prepared a draft that will be sent to members for review for approval at the April meeting.

Motion by: R. Avery

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To include a welcome letter in the Senior Resource Guide.
Second by: L. Grzeika.
Vote: Abstaining: J. Stawicki.
In favor: All others. **APPROVED.**

10. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None received.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: R. Avery
To adjourn this Regular Meeting.
Second by: E. Phillips.
Vote: Unanimous.

Chair Stawicki adjourned this meeting at 9:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

COA Meeting-February 12, 2018

Our statistics for 2017:

- membership of 1089
- total senior center visits of 15,141
- 2051 program sessions
- 9085 rides for 213 individuals
- 93 volunteers logged 5870.75 total hours
- 216 individuals traveled with us, 617 recorded attendees
- 2139 meals served on-site
- 5322 meals on wheels deliveries
- 266 social service clients-Medicare, Renters Rebate and Energy Assistance Programs
- 3069 units of service in the Making Memories Program

The Strategic Plan, as discussed last meeting, was emailed out to all CoA members. Any questions?

I developed a Power Point presentation entitled "Everything You Don't Know About Your Senior Center" to educate the public, as we plan for a new senior center. I'd like to share it with you either in/outside a CoA meeting; and my intention is to offer my presentation to different groups (Lion's, CBA, Rotary, PTO, AARP, etc.)

Medicare Savings Program previous income thresholds were reinstated and will be in effect through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2018).

The screening of "Harvesting Stones" in January was well attended. There is a CSC member who wasn't able to attend and would like to borrow the DVD.

The budget forum which will deal with senior issues was rescheduled, due to inclement weather, to Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at the senior center. Please attend, if you're able.

Working on FY 2019 budget for Senior Services.

MSC problems have been resolved. It turned out to be a problem with our router, which has been replaced and our cable/internet lines, which have also been addressed. This has taken care of many problems with the phones, as well.

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals served in December: meals served on site:187 MOW: 361
- Monthly Transports in December: 706
- Monthly Attendance in January: 1124
- Active membership in January: 1109

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Chestelm will cater the May 3rd CoA sponsored program on Senior Financial Scams.

I emailed an electronic copy of the Strategic Plan out to all CoA members. Any comments or questions?

Donna Paty, our Administrative Assistant's mom passed away recently. She has returned to work as of today after her bereavement leave.

Medicare Savings Program previous income thresholds were reinstated and will be in effect through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2018). We need to begin talking with legislators now to protect this vital program into FY 2019.

The budget forum which will deal with senior issues was rescheduled, due to inclement weather, to Wednesday, March 21st, 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Please attend, if you're able.

The Senior Center was utilized as a warming center and charging station on Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9th, after the Nor'Easter of last week.

I will be submitting the Title III grant for funding for the Making Memories Program by 3/22.

The Luck 'o the Irish Luncheon on March 20th is sold out with a waiting list.

Town offices will be closed on Friday, March 30th for Good Friday.

Invitations went out for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Friday, April 27th.

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals served in January: meals served on site:109 MOW:322
- Monthly Transports in February: 692
- Monthly Attendance in February: 1401
- Active membership in February: 1112