

Commission on Aging  
May 14, 2018 – Regular Meeting  
Senior Center  
95 Norwich Avenue

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Jean Stawicki at 8:35 am; Vice Chair Ellie Philips, Linda Grzeika, Jennifer Rayburn DeHay, Roberta Avery, Goldie Liverant, Alternate Nan Wasniewski,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Treasurer Marjorie Mlodzinski.

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

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Vice Chair E. Phillips called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

**Motion by:** L. Grzeika.

To accept the minutes of April 9, 2018, as read.

**Second by:** G. Liverant.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**3. Financial Report**

P. Watts reviewed the budget with transportation income at \$83.00 and trips at \$135.00 for the month of April. The year's total to date is \$2926.48.

Chair Stawicki arrived at this point and took the Chair position.

**4. Director of Senior Center Report**

Director Watts requested a formal thank you note be sent to last month's speaker Sandy Leubner. Chair Stawicki will send the note on behalf of the Commission. Director Watts reported that a 20 passenger wheelchair accessible bus has been ordered with an anticipated delivery date of Fall 2018. Cost is \$67,006, Town's portion is \$13,406 and \$53,000 is from a Section 5310 Grant through the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Title III Grant Hearing for the Making Memories Program is scheduled for June 14, 2018. P. Watts and M. Bauman will attend. The Colchester Lions Club has donated \$800 towards the Making Memories Program.

First Selectman Shilosky and Selectman Coyle will hold a Question and Answer session May 16, 2018, at 11:00 am for seniors interested in learning more about the process and timeline of building a new senior center.

The Medicare Supplemental Program and the Renters' Rebate Program have been fully funded in the State Budget.

Some Senior Center staff will be participating in a Parks & Recreation upcoming Employee Health Fair to be recertified in CPR/AED training.

The last day for Student Intern, Jacqueline Myers, was May 9. P. Watts noted Jacqueline did a wonderful job and will be graduating from ESCU this week. Jacqueline would like to continue as a volunteer.

The Senior Center is contributing a \$500 scholarship for a graduating senior at Bacon Academy. Staff and Senior Center members contributed to the funds. The recipient intends to pursue a degree and career in nursing.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

**Attendance and Meals Served:**

- Meals served in March: meals served on site - 105 MOW – 168
- Monthly Transports in April: 766
- Monthly Attendance in April: 1367
- Active Membership in April: 1126

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**5. Status of Budget**

R. Coyle stated that the Public Hearing on the budget is set for May 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The Town Meeting to send the budget to referendum will be June 5 and the vote is scheduled for June 19, 2018.

**6. CoA Projects**

**a. Senior Center Gala Anniversary Event**

Director Watts has the posters and tickets for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. Members will be responsible for distributing posters at local businesses beginning August 1, 2018. Tickets were available beginning May 1. FaceBook and email will be used to market the event. Table reservations for groups up to ten may be made. Discussion continued about the menu, quotes, quests.

**b. Tabled Item: Door Prize**

**Motion by:** L. Grzeika

To take the door prize discussion off the table.

**Second by:** E. Phillips.

**Vote:** Unanimous to take off the table.

**Motion by:** L. Grzeika

To seek anonymous donations from CoA members to purchase a gift card to be used as the door prize.

**Second by:** R. Avery.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

L. Greizka will accept the donations to be completed by the next meeting.

**c. Fund Raisers**

E. Phillips presented an idea of collecting recipes for a cookbook to be sold as a fundraiser.

**Motion by:** L. Grzeika

To table the cookbook discussion until next meeting.

**Second by:** R. Avery.

**Vote:** Unanimous to table.

**7. Commission Membership**

At this time the Commission has one vacancy for an alternate position. An article noting the vacancy will be written by Chair Stawicki to be printed in the Senior Center's newsletter.

**8. Old Business**

**a. Tabled Item: Insert in Senior Resource Guide**

**Motion by:** R. Avery

To take the discussion regarding the insert off the table.

**Second by:** L. Grzeika.

**Vote:** Unanimous to take off the table.

Discussion followed regarding the insert letter. The consensus is that the letter should come from the Commission on Aging and/or the Chair of the Commission.

**9. New Business**

No new business at this time.

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**10. Citizen Comments**

No comments received.

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion by:** L. Grzeika

To adjourn this meeting.

**Second by:** E. Phillips.

**Vote:** Unanimous to adjourn.

Chair Stawicki adjourned this Regular Meeting at 9:36 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk