

**Commission on Aging
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.**

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING

The Commission on Aging held a regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016 at the Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT. Chairman Curt Symes called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Curt Symes, Sheila Torres, John Boccuzzi, Margaret Imbro, Barbara Bloom, Anna Wiedemann, Claire Theune, George Guidera, Ruby Ryles, Lisa Krauss, Mae Schmidle

Absent: Anne Rothstein and Marilyn Place

Also Present: Ann LoBosco and one member of the public

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Symes announced there was a BoS meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. regarding the Community Center and he will be attending. Mr. Boccuzzi said there are two options being presented: 2 pools and flexible space; and one pool (combining lane pool and zero entry) and flexible space. There is a need to put together a COA Senior Center Committee to stay current on the CIP and potential for new Senior Center.

Pat Llodra and the Prevention Council held a forum on the Opioid Crisis which focused on the extent of the problem across the area. Pat would like another forum focusing on the Opioid Crisis among seniors to be coordinated.

Marilyn Place hosted a Lunch & Learn last Friday to help seniors understand the mission of the Friends of Newtown Seniors. Mr. Boccuzzi made a presentation to approximately 40 seniors.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Officer Maryhelen McCarthy distributed a flyer about the CHERISH Program (Caring Home Elderly Receiving Insight Safety and Healing). The program is a virtual safe house designed to provide an array of supportive services to those 60 years of age and older (Attachment A). Ms. Place will be holding a safety talk at the Senior Center next month and Off. McCarthy would like to talk about domestic violence among seniors at that event.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Ms. Imbro made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from September 19, 2016, seconded by Mr. Guidera and unanimously approved.

ANNUAL MEETING: Ms. Schmidle posted the notice in The Bee regarding presentation of the COA By-Laws which is attached (Attachment B). The By-Laws were reviewed and Ms. Schmidle emphasized the importance of a structure being in place to get things going; i.e. pass the By-Laws, hold annual meeting, and elect officers. Ms. Torres asked whether a member's attendance record is addressed in the By-Laws. Mr. Guidera stated that the BoS ultimately appoints the members but input from the COA can be valuable and they should have the ability to recommend members of the commission. There was discussion about the use of the Gift Fund by Senior Services as well as the COA. Mr. Guidera suggested there be clarification from Finance Director Bob Tait on its use. Ms. Schmidle pointed out that according to the By-Laws the COA can establish committees.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to accept the revised COA By-Laws as presented. Seconded by Ms. Torres and unanimously approved.

Ms. Schmidle made a motion to appoint an ad hoc committee to research and explain the actual function of the Gift Fund Account at the next COA meeting. Seconded by Ms. Imbro and unanimously approved. (Mr. Guidera, Ms. Bloom and Ms. Schmidle will make up that committee.)

Mr. Guidera referenced Article 3, Section 2 of the By-Laws which allows a Nominating Committee to be appointed at the COA's regular meeting in October.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to appoint the existing Nominating Committee to draw up the slate of officers for the ensuing year. Seconded by Mr. Guidera and unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Attachment C): Mr. Symes highlighted his report which includes establishing a COA committee to specifically work on the New Senior Center activities over the course of the next 1 or 2 years and provide communications to the Newtown Bee, Village Voices, etc.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to establish a COA committee to specifically work on the New Senior Center activities as presented. Seconded by Mr. Guidera and unanimously approved.

Mr. Symes said he would like to be a part of this committee and stated that Ms. Rothstein expressed interest as well. Mr. Guidera recommended Ms. Ryles also be a part of the committee given her expertise in communications.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Krauss and Mr. Symes attended a WCAAA meeting which focused on empowering seniors, seniors living independently, home care services, etc. The focus is on education and 3 programs are in place to help people find resources. 1) Community First Choice – assesses needs and puts a budget in place; 2) My Place CT is a web based resource; and 3) No Wrong Door – certain locations display a symbol indicating they offer help with programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Friends of Newtown Seniors (FONS) – Mr. Boccuzzi mentioned the Opioid Forum for seniors that Pat Lodra would like to see happen. He stated that we need to get Senior Services, Municipal Agent, and other agencies all working together on this as well as topics relevant to seniors. Mr. Boccuzzi (along with Ann LoBosco) is putting together a proposal to present to the BoS about making Newtown an “Age Friendly Community”. More will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

Senior Communications Work – Ms. Ryles put together a draft letter as an example for seniors to use when reaching out to town officials regarding the needs of seniors in Newtown. Mr. Guidera stated the letter should emphasize the importance of seniors in the community. One paragraph was removed because of its negative approach (seniors versus schools). The letter should only be focused on the seniors.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to finalize the letter as is, with the deletion of the 4th paragraph. Seconded by Ms. Wiedemann and unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Attachment D): Ms. Wiedemann distributed the monthly report and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Boccuzzi made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Second by Ms. Bloom and unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT (Attachment E): In Ms. Place’s absence, Mr. Boccuzzi made 2 requests for her. Two new signs were ordered for the Senior Center, 4 signs for the Bazaar and 10 posters for the Bazaar with a total cost of \$201.83. Also needed is an additional \$350.00 to complete the pottery program.

Ms. Bloom made a motion to allocate from the Gift Fund \$201.83 for signs and up to \$350.00 for completion of the pottery program. Second by Ms. Wiedemann and unanimously approved.

MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY REPORT (Attachment F): Ms. LoBosco presented her report. She will be attending a conference next week which will be focusing on many topics including Financial Challenges for Older Adults, Fraud Prevention for Seniors, Opioid Crisis Among Seniors, etc. Ms. LoBosco will also working with Off. McCarthy, Ms. Place, Jennifer Crane, Donna Culbert and a caseworker from the State’s Protective Services on a monthly basis to discuss common cases. There is a lot of overlap among the departments/agencies and it will be helpful to keep each other up to date. Another major issue seems to be transportation for seniors such as getting to doctor’s appointments. Ms. LoBosco is going to research the problem further and look for possible solutions.

There being no further business, **Mr. Guidera made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.,** seconded by Ms. Bloom and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

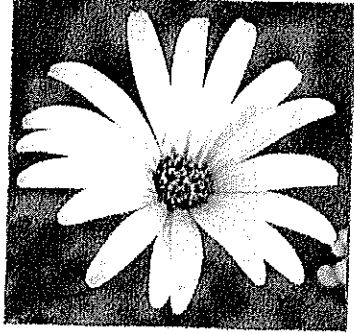
Ann LoBosco, Clerk

You may feel mistreated by someone close to you

Does this person:

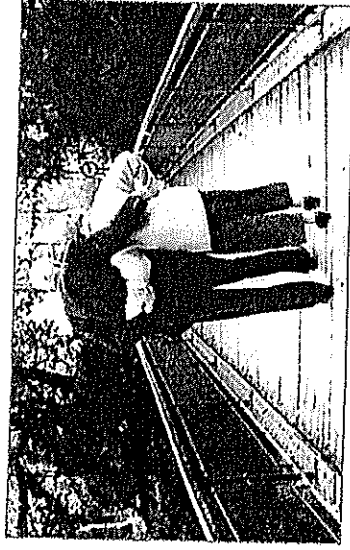
- Ignore your calls for help or companionship, and limit your contact with other people?
- Scold or insult you or make you feel useless?
- Try to control your access to food, medicine, transportation, or finances?
- Take your money or possessions?
- Destroy your belongings?
- Threaten to injure you or your pet?
- Scare you with weapons?
- Physically hurt you or touch you inappropriately?
- Threaten to "put you away"?
- Deceive, swindle or con you?
- Make you sign documents you didn't want to sign or didn't understand?

If you answered **Yes** to any of these, help is available. Contact **CHERISH**.



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Home
Elderly
Receiving
Insight
Safety and
Healing

**The *CHERISH* Program
A Safe Haven for Elders**



The Umbrella
**Center for Domestic
Violence Services**

A program of BHHC

P.O. Box 148, Ansonia, CT 06401

24-hour hotline:

(203) 736-9944/(203) 736-8104

Business phone: (203) 736-2601 ext. 143

Email: CHERISH@bhcare.org

In late life domestic violence,
things may not be picture perfect.

24-Hour Confidential Hotline:

(203) 736-9944
(203) 736-8104

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The first program of its kind in Connecticut...

The **CHERISH** Program is an innovative virtual safe house program designed to provide an array of supportive services to those 60 years of age and older. The **CHERISH** Program is funded by the CT Department of Social Services.

How can the **CHERISH** Program Help?



The central goal of the **CHERISH** Program is providing a safe place for abused seniors to stay.

By partnering with assisted living communities, retirement homes, and skilled nursing facilities, **CHERISH** is able to provide a safe environment, as well as ensure that clients receive nourishing meals, medication management, and assistance with activities of daily living if necessary.

Our Services

CHERISH offers counseling and support groups, and facilitates access to resources that include medical assistance, housing, and financial options.

- ◆ 24-hour hotline: **(203) 736-9944 or (203) 789-8104**
- ◆ Weekly support groups
- ◆ One-on-one counseling
- ◆ Anonymous safe housing
- ◆ Court advocacy
- ◆ Referral and advocacy for legal, medical, housing assistance, etc.
- ◆ Referral for the perpetrator

Bill of Rights

You have the right to:

- Live free of violence.
- Be heard.
- Ask for what you want.
- Make decisions about yourself.
- Feel and express anger.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Experience and express your feelings.
- Change your mind.
- Feel good about yourself.
- Define and live by your own standards.
- You have the right to **CHERISH** yourself.

Who Qualifies for the **CHERISH** Program?

You may qualify if you are...

- ✓ 60 years of age or older;
- ✓ A Connecticut resident;
- ✓ Experiencing late life domestic violence.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the **CHERISH** Program to make a positive difference in the lives of older adults victimized by domestic violence in the home. The **CHERISH** Program works toward empowering clients to live a life free of violence and abuse.

**DRAFT BY-LAWS
COMMISSION ON AGING
TOWN OF NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

OCTOBER 17, 2016

PREAMBLE

We believe that elderly persons residing in Newtown are important contributors to the Town's quality of life. We believe that a town, like a family, benefits greatly from the contributions of three generations of experience, insight, opinion and wisdom. To advance, protect and preserve these beliefs and benefits, we do hereby adopt these By-laws for the successful endeavors of the Town of Newtown's Commission on Aging and the elderly residents of Newtown.

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Commission on Aging (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) is to:

- A. Research and identify the needs of the elderly population in Newtown
- B. Develop and coordinate programs and recommend for hiring, staff to meet those needs.
- C. Make applications for grants to State and Federal governmental agencies and private sources to help finance such efforts provided approval for such applications is given in advance by the Board of Selectman and the Legislative Council, pursuant to the current Town Charter in effect.
- D. Prepare written opinions on the merits of programs for which grants are proposed.
- E. Act as agent for other federal, state and town boards, commissions, agencies or local private groups to carry out programs for the elderly and aging in Newtown as from time to time are specifically authorized by such boards, commissions, agencies and groups.
- F. Create such Advisory, Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees as are necessary.
- G. Conduct such other activities as shall advance the needs, increase involvement and enhance the quality of life of the elderly & aging persons' residing in the Town of Newtown.

In exercising its powers and carrying out its duties the Commission shall place primary (but not necessarily exclusive) emphasis on the needs of persons sixty (60) years of age or older.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

Section 1 - Membership

A. The Commission shall consist of nine Regular (9) members who shall serve for a (3) year term, beginning January 7th, provided such beginning date is consistent with the Town Charter . Membership terms shall begin and end on the dates specified on the Certificate of Appointment cards issued to each member by the Town of Newtown.

B. The Commission shall have three (3) Alternate members appointed for two (2) year terms beginning January 7th. Membership terms shall begin and end on the dates specified on the Certificate of Appointment cards issued to each member by the Town of Newtown. No more than two (2) Alternate members may be of the same political party.

1. The purpose of Alternates is to acquaint them with the work of the Commission and train them to fill vacancies of Regular members.

2. The Alternate members may vote, on a rotating basis, only in the absence of Regular members.

C. Ex-officio members of the Commission shall be the Director of Senior Services, the Director of Social Services and/or the Municipal Agent for the Elderly.

Section 2 - Duties

A. The Commission shall establish and determine the general policies and guidelines for the endeavors and projects of the organization. The Commission shall act as a board, regularly convened, together with the Advisory, Standing or Ad Hoc Committees, and may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of their meetings as are deemed proper and which are not inconsistent with these By-laws. Members of the Commission shall be empowered, on selection by the Commission, to chair all Advisory, Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees, which may be set up to carry out established projects.

B. Upon agreement of the Commission, members who fail to fulfill Commission obligations shall be advised in writing that their names will be referred to the Board of Selectmen for any action they deem necessary as provided in the Newtown Charter.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND CLERK

Section 1 - Officers

The officers of the Commission shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Treasurer and a Parliamentarian.

Section 2 - Election

A. A Nominating Committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the Commission at its Regular meeting in October to draw up a slate of officers for the ensuing year, commencing January 7th. In the case of a vacancy or resignation of a Regular or Alternate member on the Commission, the Nominating Committee shall recommend for approval, with majority approval from the Commission, a nominee to the Board of Selectmen who will then act according to the provisions in the Town Charter. The Nominating Committee remains in effect for one year.

B. The slate of officers shall be presented to the full Commission at its regular meeting in November. Other nominations for officers may be made from the floor by any member at the November regular meeting. The Commission shall elect its officers for the ensuing year at its regular meeting in December.

C. Each officer shall be elected for a term of one year.

Section 3 - Duties

A. Chairman: The Chairman shall preside at all meetings; and cause to be called Regular meetings of the Commission. The Chairman or any two other members may call a Special meeting.

B. Vice-Chairman: The Vice Chairman shall be invested with the powers and responsibilities of the Chairman during the absence or inability of the Chairman to perform his/her duties as set forth in the By-laws. The Vice-Chairman shall coordinate all Advisory, Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees.

C. The Treasurer: shall present the annual budget to the Commission, and will also prepare a monthly statement of income and expenditures. In the absence of the Chairman or Vice Chairman, shall call the meeting to order. The treasurer together with the Executive Committee and the Director of Social Services, the Treasurer will prepare an annual budget for the Commission for approval.

D. Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian shall be well versed in Parliamentary procedure and shall attend all meetings of the Commission to assist with the proper conduct and procedure of meetings as well as the concurrence with the By-Laws.

E. Clerk: The Clerk shall be hired by the Commission with funds furnished by the Town of Newtown. Such person shall make certain the list of dates for the Regular

meetings for the ensuing year, are filed with the Town Clerk in accordance with FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Regulations. The Clerk shall keep minutes of meetings and records, serve all notices for the Commission, and keep the Commission's official roll and ask for a roll call when required.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Annual Meeting

There shall be an Annual Meeting, in December, open to all residents of Newtown. At the Annual Meeting, the Commission shall:

- A. Open the floor to the public to discuss the goals and purposes of the Commission for the ensuing year.
- B. Put forth an agenda for the January meeting.
- C. Review accomplishments for the preceding year.
- D. Adopt long and short range programs and goals for the coming year.
- E. Adopt/review by laws each December.

Section 2 - Regular Meetings

Regular Meetings of the Commission shall be held on the third Monday of each month unless otherwise designated by the Commission. The Clerk will present the Regular Meeting dates, in January, for the entire year and file with the Town Clerk in January.

Section 3 - Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Commission may be called at any time at the discretion of the Chairman or by petition of at least two (2) Regular members of the Commission. The subject of the meeting shall be stated in the notice and no other business shall be considered at the meeting.

Section 4 - Quorum

At any meeting of the Commission a quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Commission.

Section 5 - Voting

A quorum of those present and voting shall be required to carry a motion.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Commission provided that legal notice of intention to amend them, together with the proposed amendment(s), shall be presented at the regular meeting at least one (1) month prior to voting. Passage of amendments requires an affirmative vote of five (5) Commission members.

ARTICLE VI - PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern this Commission in all cases wherein they do not conflict with these By-laws.

ARTICLE VII - PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

Professional employees who are hired by the Commission, in concurrence with the Board of Selectmen to serve the elderly and aging of Newtown, shall be responsible to the Commission and to the Board of Selectmen. In conjunction with meeting with their Ad-Hoc Committees, they shall report on activities relating to their specified job descriptions at each regular meeting of the Commission. They are responsible for contacting a Commission member concerning current status or problems relative to their position.

ARTICLE VIII - GIFT FUND ACCOUNT

Pursuant or Ordinance #52, funds available to the Commission on Aging, from a specific gift or bequest, shall be placed in the custody of the Treasurer of the Town of Newtown, which shall be known as the Commission on Aging Fund and shall be kept separate and distinct from all other Town accounts. Gifts or bequests shall be identified for a specific use. Disbursements from the Newtown Commission on Aging Fund shall be made on order of the Commission on Aging only and upon a majority vote of the Commission on Aging members, but not less than 4 (four) members, if specified for a special use, in accordance with the terms of the specific gift or bequest. All checks drawn on the fund shall be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer of the Commission on Aging and counter signed by the Treasurer of the Town of Newtown. (This Ordinance took effect January 21, 1995)

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Newtown Commission on Aging (COA) - Chairman Report – 10/17/16 Meeting

Welcome to our October COA Regular Meeting and 2016 Annual Meeting. With the revised By-Laws currently under final review and our revamping of the COA timing process we will now defer activities into November.

The Friday Senior Center Lunch-n-Learn program proved an excellent forum to clarify both the mission and emerging role of the Friends of Newtown Seniors (FONS) group here in Newtown.

A recent WCAAA meeting last week provided excellent insights into both the state of Senior Services across the state, especially entitlement like Medicaid & Medicare, and a forum for discussion of Senior Center challenges, facing many towns across CT. This will be discussed further under New Business on the agenda.

First Selectman Pat Llodra led a very compelling Opioid Forum on Oct. 5th to highlight both the extent and impact of the problem across the area, especially here in Newtown. See the Newtown Bee for more reporting.

With the current town boards and commissions focus on the 2017 CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) there is now an even greater need for the Seniors of Newtown to refocus their attention on the discussions regarding funding of the New Senior Center and closure of the plan for the Community Center which will provide the base or anchor to build off.

I will be bringing forth a COA Motion to establish a COA Committee to specifically work on New Senior Center activities over the course of the next 1 to 2 years and provide communications to the Newtown Bee, Village Voices, etc. This will be discussed further under Old Business.

At this point in time after ten plus years of discussion – with this year's CIP commitment the opportunity exists to positively change the course of events and programs for the Seniors of Newtown in the most positive way since 2003 – or – doom Senior Programs for another decade!

The recent progress in Senior Tax Relief demonstrated that low-income seniors are important to Newtown and a "New Senior Center" demonstrates that all Seniors Matter!

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Symes

Chair, Newtown COA

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DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	C/R
7/1/16	Beginning Balance	
	7/19/2016 Trust Distribution T-4772	
	7/28/2016 Donation-T6608	
	8/8/2016 Holiday Hill-picnic	(448.00)
	9/1/2016 Ck #24680- Arthur Gottlieb	(330.00)
	9/1/2016 Ck #24712- Newtown Cultural Arts	(105.00)
	10/14/2016 September P-Cards- Katom Resta	(282.30)
	10/14/2016 September P-Cards- Katom Resta	(69.09)

(1,234.39)

Grant WCAAA

Grant -Regi-Pottery

7/26/2016 Ck #24135- Brookfield Craft Center
7/28/2016 Payment for Pottery Class-T-6609
8/18/2016 Ck #24566- Lynn Welsh
9/15/2016 Ck #24931- Lynn Welsh
9/15/2016 Ck #24796- Brookfield Craft Center

FT FUND

C/D	FRANK KNOTTS TRUST FUND	NEW SENIOR CENTER	GRANT
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BALANCE

49,166.73

49,724.19

49,749.19

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48,971.19

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NEWTOWN SENIOR CENTER
Director of Senior Services
Sept 10, 2016 – October 14, 2016

PROGRAMS NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS (Sept)

Meditation	19
Zumba Gold	51
Exercise	139
Floor Yoga (2 days)	69
Chair Yoga (2 day)	78
Cards	26
Mah Jong	11
Pottery	21
Bingo/Keno	14
Lunch	81
Hot Dog/pizza Luncheon	48
Knitting	34
Cards (craft)	13
Quilting/sewing	10
Walk-Ins	25
Billiards/ping pong	8
Crafts	54
Trips	61
Newsletter	
Wii	26
High School Technology	12
Painting/Art	22
Special events	32
Tai Chi	59
Qi Gong	49
AARP Safe Driving	
Ballroom Line dance	28
Barn Dance	50
Current Events Discussion	39
Spanish Lessons	20
Speakers	57
Chair Pilates	30
Strength & Balance	31
Inter-generational w/ CAC	86
Bible study	
Wii/Password	16
Blood Pressure	17
Special Events	108

Attendance Daily: August

Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs	Friday	Monthly Attendance
187	425	209	254	338	1397

COMPLETED EVENTS:

- Assistive technology presentation WCAAA Sept 13
- Annual Senior Picnic @ Masonicare Sept 16
- Matter of Balance 8 weeks Program Sept 19
- Lunch and Learn "Hearing Loss & Dementia Are They Linked?" Oct 12
- Elder Law Seminar: Protect Your Life Savings & Lifestyle Oct 13

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Understanding Interpersonal Boundaries (Wellness series) Oct 20 10am
- WCAAA Medicare Fraud and Abuse Scams Oct 20 1pm
- AARP Driver Safety program Oct 21

TRIPS:

- 9/11 Memorial and Museum Oct 5
- Oktoberfest @ Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA Sunday Oct 23
- Mohegan Sun Nov 15
- Radio City Xmas Spectacular Nov 18

OVERNIGHT TRIPS:

- Autumn in Lancaster, PA including Samson Oct 19-21

CRUISES:

- Canada & New England Oct 8 -15
- Hawaii Oct 29-Nov 5
- Florida & The Bahamas Feb 19-26, 2017

CLINICS/Screenings /Workshops:

1. Flu Shot Clinics are scheduled w/ BVNA Sept 13, 27, from 9-12. Oct 11, from 10-12
2. Podiatry Screening Oct 21 from 10-12
3. Fall Prevention Workshop 8 week course through Dept. of Health

SPEAKERS:

1. Medicare Fraud and Abuse w/ Dawn Macary, "Who's Watching Your Wallet?" Oct 20
2. Wellness Series part 2 Understanding Interpersonal Boundaries Oct 20

Lunch and Learns will continue with some great info seminars:

1. Hearing Loss & Dementia Is there a link? Oct 12

Cultural History Series: Continues w/ Arthur Gottlieb LSCW

1. The Cloisters in Washington Heights section of upper Manhattan Oct 18
2. Thanksgiving Plymouth Plantation Nov 17
3. Times Square Dec 15

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BINGO PARTY W/ BOB MELL ENTERTAINER WED OCT 26

Also, Friday Oct 28 from 10am – 12:30 Senior center members are invited to Nunnawauk Meadows for a Homemade meatloaf w/ onion, gravy, sweet potatoes, peas and dessert luncheon and to watch the new Ghostbuster movie.

Should be a GHOULISH time for both events. Hope you can join in on the fun.

UPDATE:

1. I have partnered w/ Nunnawauk Meadows and Arthur Gottlieb LCSW to do a Wellness Presentation series. Part 2 is scheduled Thursday Oct 20 @ 10am in the Community room @ Nunnawauk Meadows....he's a powerful speaker hope you can attend.
Topic: "Understanding Interpersonal Boundries"
2. The Center's annual Bazaar is scheduled for the **Saturday Nov 5 from 9-3**. If you have a craft to make and donate, or like to bake for the Bake sale and/or items to donate for the White Elephant roomcall me. Spread the word on the Bazaar.
3. The Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec 8 @ Michael's at the Grove from 11-3. Sign up make your own table of 8.
4. An informal introduction is going to be planned to educate and hopefully erase the negative and unite the members to a better understanding on what our roles are.
There has been some very creative negative "gossip" basically by those who over hear and repeat old or wrong info. This is like high school....which creates a terrible atmosphere for those members who simply aren't interested and just want to enjoy their class/program.
All of our goals can blend as a team of individuals working together.
UPDATE: today a very successful positive gathering. Over 30 seniors attended. Pizza and salad and a lot of info.
5. The new coffee brewer w/ 3 warmers was purchased under the allocated amount of \$600. Total amount was \$351.39. New Bullentin board is on order.
6. **I ordered 2 new signs for the Senior Center , 4 signs for the Bazaar and 10 posters for the Bazaar Total cost: \$201.83 Requesting Gift Fund to pay.**

Keeping the seniors busy and active.

Marilyn



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**DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES/MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR
THE ELDERLY**

COA – October 17, 2016

I attended training the Energy Assistance Program for this year, including Operation Fuel and Eversource's assistance programs. There was a surplus in the program last year, so clients who received electric heating assistance last year will see a credit of \$375.00 on their Eversource bill.

I will be attending a conference on October 25th-28th for Municipal Agents. Many topics will be covered such as Financial Challenges for Older Adults, Building Intergenerational Bridges in the Community, Fraud Prevention, Preventing Isolation Among Senior, etc.

Program Statistics

Energy Assistance Applications (52 to date)

Salvation Army - \$10,200.51 funds from bell ringing used this year.

Medicare Open Enrollment – October 15th – December 7th

Food Pantry – help from volunteers. Donation of \$1,000.00 from Newtown Savings Bank.

Cases

Looking to help provide a roof for a disabled woman who lives in a mobile home. Getting estimates now and hoping to get the repair done before the winter.

Putting together a group to meet once a month (myself, Marilyn, Ofcr. McCarthy, Donna Culbert Jennifer Crane, and Esma from Protective Services). We are finding that many of the cases we are working on are overlapping and it would be beneficial to meet to keep one another up to date.

Will be attending the BoS meeting in November to discuss Newtown becoming an "Age Friendly Community". Newtown can be a model for other communities and be proactive rather than reactive to the growing population and needs of seniors.