

**COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 2, 2014**

**STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COMMUNITY ROOM**

**The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on April 2, 2014 in the Human Services Building Community Room. Members present were:** Maryann Bessette, Stacy Cassata, Betty Crouteau, R.J. Connelly, Bob Elmer, and Billie Ward. Unable to attend: Betty Henry, Joanne Kelley and Alice Watson.  
**Guests:** Also present were Carol Umphlett, Agent for the Elderly, and Vicki Anderson and Peggy from the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. There were high school student visitors observing the meeting also.

**The meeting was called to order by Stacy Cassata at 4:00 p.m.**

**Minutes of the March 2014 meeting were presented.** Motion to accept was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Bob Elmer. Motion carried.

**Financial Report for February 28, 2014** presented by Carol. The COA has used 73.8% of its \$4,800 budget for the fiscal year. Motion to accept was made by Bob Elmer. Seconded by Maryann Bessette. Motion carried.

**Carol Umphlett, Agent for the Elderly,** reported that during March there were: 42 contacts for FOOD, 32 of which were from seniors; 31 contacts for TRANSPORTATION with 15 of them for seniors; no contacts for HOME HEALTH CARE; 41 contacts for MEDICARE, all seniors; 5 contacts for SOCIAL SECURITY, all seniors; 164 contacts for ENERGY ASSISTANCE, 46 seniors; 14 contacts for TVCCA with 3 seniors; no senior contacts for FICNANCIAL ASSISTANCE; 55 contacts for MEDICAL (MIDICAID) ASSISTANCE, 23 of them seniors; and 68 contacts for RENTAL REBATE PROGRAM, 59 of them seniors.

Demographics – of the 395 unduplicated residents in March, 47% were seniors.

Carol also presented the Program Report from Kristen King. There were 53 participants for the SENIOR LUNCH AND LEARN; 47 participants for the BOSTON FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW; 25 participants in the AARP DRIVING PROGRAM; 6 participants for the KNIT AND GIVE every Monday; and 21 BABY BOOMERS EXERCISE AT Road Church.

**Legislative:** Carol announced that the State Bill #27 is pending action that would expand the eligibility for rental assistance. Social Services staff is taking applications as of April 5<sup>th</sup>. If the law is passed, all eligible applicants will get aid, even those who did

not get it last year. If it is not passed, only those who got aid last year will receive it this year.

**Correspondence:** There is no report.

**Announcements:** There were none.

**Old Business:**

There was discussion about the benefits in public relations and cooperative work with a membership with the chamber(s) of Commerce. There was specific discussion regarding the advantage of communicating to the public when we have education on issues such as Alzheimers Disease. Maryann Bessette moved that the COA join the Westerly/Pawcatuck Chamber of Commerce. Bob Elmer seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjournment was at 4:36 p.m.** Motion to was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by R.J. Connelly. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Billie Ward".

**Billie Ward  
Secretary**

Approved by the COA at the May 2014 Board Meeting.