

**COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
March 7, 2012**

STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COMMUNITY ROOM

The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on March 7, 2012 in the Human Services Building Community Room. Members present were: Maryann Bessette, Stacy Cassata, R.J. Connelly, Betty Croteau, Karen Hawthorn, Toni Potter, Lisa Ryan and Billie Ward. Also attending Carol Umphlett, Agent for the Elderly, Stonington Human Services. Unable to attend: George Brennan, Robert Elmer, and Betty Henry.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Ryan at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes from the February meeting were presented. Motion to accept was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Billie Ward. Motion Carried.

Financial Secretary, Billie Ward, presented the January financial report. There is \$1,484.09 available.

Carol Umphlett, Agent for the Elderly, Stonington Human Services reported the following report for senior contacts in February 2012: Food: 39 contacts of which 6 were seniors; Transportation: 45 contacts of which 9 were seniors; Medicare: 48 contacts of which 42 were seniors; Social Security: 5 contacts of which 4 were seniors; Energy Assistance: 234 contacts of which 84 were seniors; Medical: 60 contacts of which 42 were seniors.

Stacy Cassata reported that Stonington Arms now has a food bank that is open to the public. Billie Ward offered to help get salt-free canned food if there is a need for it.

Correspondence:

None.

LEGISLATIVE: Lisa Ryan presented information on Senate Bill 142 which is an act increasing eligibility for the Connecticut Home Care Program for the Elderly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lisa Ryan reported that she has exhausted the search for an area clergy member for the Commission on Aging. All clergy contacted have full schedules.

Election of new officers: Nominating Committee, Maryann Bessette and Betty Croteau, made the following nominations for officers: Lisa Ryan, Chair; R.J. Connelly, Vice-Chair; Karen Hawthorn, Secretary; Billie Ward, Financial Secretary. Nominees accepted the nominations. Vote was taken and was unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Stacy Cassata discussed the possibility of the Commission on Aging working with S.A.L.T. to fund a project to develop a website/billboard alerting seniors to on scams and frauds as well as all the town programs, classes, rebates, forums and workshops that pertain to seniors. Postcards would be developed with 1-2 liners to catch attention on one side and information regarding workshops/speakers on the other side.

Motion to adjourn at 4:42 p.m. made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Billie Ward. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



**Karen Hawthorn
Secretary**