

**COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING**

April 4, 2012

STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COMMUNITY ROOM

The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on April 4, 2012 in the Human Services Building Community Room. Members present were: Maryann Bessette, R.J. Connelly, Betty Croteau, Robert Elmer, Karen Hawthorn, Betty Henry, Toni Potter, Lisa Ryan and Billie Ward. Also attending June Strunk, Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Liaison, Carol Umphlett, Agent for the Elderly, Stonington Human Services. Unable to attend: George Brennan, and Stacy Cassata.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Ryan at 4:04 p.m.

Minutes from the March meeting were presented. Motion to accept was made by Toni Potter. Seconded by R.J. Connelly. Motion Carried.

Financial Secretary, Billie Ward, presented the February financial report. There is \$789.45 available.

Carol Umphlett, Agent for the Elderly, Stonington Human Services reported the following statistics for senior contacts in March 2012: Transportation: 2; Medicare: 32; Medical: 15; Energy Assistance: 33; Renters Rebate: 2; HHC: 2 (for a total of 86 senior contacts).

Carol also presented a report on Senior Programming on behalf of Kristen King: January 24: AARP Workshop at StoneRidge 21 in attendance; February 10, Senior Lunch and Learn at St. Edmund's Island 52 in attendance; March 2, Senior Lunch and Learn at Go Fish 52 in attendance; March 21 AARP: 9 in attendance. Upcoming Events: April 10: Yellow Dot at StoneRidge; April 13: Senior Lunch and Learn – St. Edmunds Island; May 4: Senior Lunch and Learn – River Walk.

June Strunk, Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center Liaison, presented the following statistics for the PNC for November: 64 Seniors were served for a total of 847 one way rides (207 one way trips for medical appointments; 430 one way trips to PNC Lunch and activities; 116 rides to/from Adult Day Center of Westelry; 75 one way trips for grocery shopping/banking/hair appointments; 19 one way rides for various social activities. 286 congregate lunches were served to 52 seniors; 841 Meals on Wheels were delivered to over 35 seniors including hot meals, frozen weekend meals and cold supper meals.

The PNC transportation statistics for the months of January and February 2012 were as follows:

January: 58 seniors were served for a total of 812 one way rides. 115 trips for grocery/banking/hair appointments; 113 trips for medical appointments; 432 trips for PNC Lunch and Activities; 124 rides to/from Adult Day Center of Westerly; 29 rides for various other activities.

February: 57 seniors were served for a total of 823 one way rides. 95 trips grocery/banking/hair appointments; 138 trips for medical appointments; 436 trips for PNC Lunch and Activities; 134 rides to/from Adult Day Center of Westerly; 20 rides for various other activities.

Congregate Meals in January: 228 congregate meals to 50 seniors

Congregate Meals in February: 262 congregate meals to 54 seniors

Meals on Wheels in January 1223 meals to approximately 40 seniors

February – 1196 meals to approximately 40 seniors.

Correspondence:

None.

LEGISLATIVE: Lisa Ryan presented information on Senate Bill 141 which concerns keeping sex offenders out of senior centers and congregate housing, is moving forward and has been filed with the legislative commissioner's office. Also, Senate Bill 142, which is an act increasing eligibility for the Connecticut Home Care Program for the Elderly, has been filed with the legislative commissioner's office.

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. According to the bylaws, the position can be filled by a non-clergy member if a clergy member cannot be found. R.J. Connelly knows of one last clergy member to ask. He will pass the information on to Lisa Ryan.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to work obligations, George Brennan is no longer able to continue his post on the Commission on Aging. He has written to the First Selectman's Office to resign.

There will be a TRIAD meeting on April 5 to discuss ideas for the project to develop a post card/website/billboard campaign alerting seniors to on scams and frauds as well as all the town programs, classes, rebates, forums and workshops that pertain to seniors.

Maryann Bessette shared that she had attended a TRIAD meeting where a film was shown depicting a situation where an elder and their family had been scammed. The film is not yet complete, however, Maryann felt that it was compelling and educational and when it is finished she thought it would be beneficial for families and could possibly be shown at a local theatre.

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Billie Ward. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Hawthorn".

**Karen Hawthorn
Secretary**