

**COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2012**

STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COMMUNITY ROOM

The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on May 2, 2012 in the Human Services Building Community Room. Members present were: Maryann Bessette, Stacy Cassata, R.J. Connelly, III, Betty Croteau, Robert Elmer, Karen Hawthorn, Betty Henry, Lisa Ryan, and Billie Ward. Also attending: Carol Umphlett Agent For The Elderly, Stonington Human Services. Unable to attend: Toni Potter.

Guests: Stonington High School Citizens in Action – 1 student.

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Ryan at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes from the April meeting were presented. Motion to accept was made by Stacy Cassata. Seconded by Robert Elmer. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report for March and April was presented by Billie Ward. All revenue producing activities have ended for the year and there is \$513.96 remaining in available funds.

Carol Umphlett, Agent For the Elderly, Stonington Human Services reported that there were 494 Social Service contacts made in April. Of those, 34% (166 persons) were 55 years of age or older. Senior Contacts: Food: 20; Transportation: 15; HHC: 2; Medicare: 23; Renters Rebate: 35; Social Security: 0; Energy Assistance 92.

Carol also presented a report on senior events on behalf of Kristen King, Human Services Program Coordinator. April 10: Yellow Dot at StoneRidge: 21 attended; April 13: Senior Lunch and Learn St. Edmunds Island: 49 attended; April 22: Shopping Trip to New Haven Flea Market: 21 attended. Upcoming Event: May 4: Senior Lunch and Learn: River Walk.

Lisa Ryan, legislative liaison for the Stonington COA, had no new legislative news to share.

Correspondence:

On May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Olde Mystick Village Art Cinemas, Stonington High School "Friends of Rachel Club" will have a special Chain Reaction fundraiser. The club promotes the continuing mission of Rachel's Challenge which is that one act of kindness can start a Chain Reaction of the same. (see

RachelsChallenge.org). Johnny and the East Cost Rockers will perform with guest performances by Stonington High School Students. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maryann Bessette brought the film, "Last Will and Embezzlement" for viewing by the Commission. The film features two cases of seniors who have been scammed. The COA purposes showing the film at the Olde Mystick Village Art Cinemas and having a law enforcement official and perhaps a lawyer there for a question and answer session afterwards. This presentation would be part of the proposed senior media campaign that the COA is planning with S.A.L.T. and Senior Resources.

S.A.L.T. meets every quarter to decide on what senior programs the town will offer. Lisa Ryan proposed joint meetings of the S.A.L.T. Commission and the Commission on Aging for the purpose of planning for the senior media campaign. She will attend the next S.A.L.T. meeting and will inquire about joint meetings or having planning meetings for the senior media campaign.

Betty Henry presented a report on the affordable housing project in Pawcatuck. Betty is a member of the Affordable Housing Committee, and she reported that the affordable housing project planned in Pawcatuck is proposed to have 45 units. The affordable housing formula calls for 20% of the units to be provided for families whose income is 80% of the area median income; 15% of the units for families whose income is 60% of the area median income with the balance of the units at 100% of the market rent price. Betty reported that there will be a Planning and Zoning Meeting on June 5, 2012.

Also, for those who may be interested in joining, the Affordable Housing Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

At the June Commission on Aging Meeting, names will be taken for manning the TRIAD booth at the Stonington Fair on August 4, 2012.

Motion to adjourn at 5:06 pm made by Stacy Cassata. Seconded by Robert Elmer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Hawthorn
Secretary