

**COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
September 4, 2013**

STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING COMMUNITY ROOM

The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on September 4, 2013 in the Human Services Building Community Room. Members present were: Maryann Bessette, R.J. Connelly, Betty Croteau, Robert Elmer, Betty Henry, Lisa Ryan, Billie Ward and Alice Watson. Also attending: Carol Umphlett Agent for The Elderly, Stonington Human Services. Unable to attend: Stacy Cassata.
Guests: Vicki Anderson from Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center,

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

Minutes from the June 5, 2013 meeting were presented. Motion to accept was made by Bob Elmer. Seconded by R.J. Connelly. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for June was read by Carol Umphlett . The year-end report reflected the expenditure of all funds budgeted. Motion to accept was made by Maryanne Bessette. Seconded by Betty Crouteau. Motion carried.

Carol Umphlett, Agent For the Elderly, Stonington Human Services reported the following contacts for the summer months. Twenty-Nine percent of all contacts were seniors: **Food:** 193 contacts; **Transportation:** 24 contacts; **Medicare:** 91 contacts; **Home Health Care:** 6 Contacts; **Energy Assistance:** 315 contacts; **Social Security:** 3 for seniors; **Medical (Medicaid) Assistance:** 50 contacts; **TVCCA applications for the months:** 81 contacts; **Renters Rebate:** 16 contacts. The total amount of the rebate to date is \$10,093.36.

The Program Report was presented by Carol Umphlett on behalf of Kristen King, Program Coordinator. There was an AARP Educational Program for 24 seniors on August 21, 2013. Upcoming programs are Newport Dinner Train September 19 and October 4 program at the Mystic Aquarium. Another AARP Training will be held October 16 at Human Services.

Vicki Anderson announced that September is "Fall Prevention Month" and there will be programs covering this at each Wednesday lunch for seniors at the PNC.

Legislative:

Lisa Ryan reported that the State Department on Aging under the leadership of Edith Praque is now up and running. Programs that grant money to people are remaining under the direction of the State Department of Social Services.

Correspondence:

Karen Hawthorne's resignation was presented to the COA..

Announcements:

Lisa Ryan announced that there will be a fundraiser for Senior Resources November 7 at the Boathouse. This is a wine and cheese event.

Stop and Shop is offering a \$100 gift card for seniors sold through Senior Resources from which \$5 will be donated back to Senior Resources from the corporation.

Old Business: Betty Henry reported on a meeting of the Affordable Housing Commission at which property for senior affordable housing projects were discussed. Specifically, the Spruce Meadow project (near Rutman's Wayside Furniture) is almost ready to break ground. Additionally, a potential project of 60 units (20% of them affordable) on town property at Connecticut Avenue and Field Street was outlined. The earliest date for breaking ground could be approximately early 2015.

New Business:

Lisa Ryan suggested that the COA members dedicate some time to "homework" before the next meeting. Consider what each member would like to have the COA work on during this new fiscal year. Discussion will be held at the next COA meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Betty Croteau. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

 10/7/13

Billie Ward
Secretary

Correction made: Joanne Kelly was not in attendance on September 4, 2013 so her name was eliminated from the draft minutes.

Approved as Corrected by COA October 2, 2013