

**COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
November 6, 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, Stacy Cassata, Betty Croteau, Betty Henry, Joanne Kelly, Lisa Ryan, Billie Ward. Also attending: Carol Umphlett Agent for The Elderly, Stonington Human Services. Unable to attend: Robert Elmer and RJ Connelly and Alice Watson.
Guests: No guests were present

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Ryan at 4:03 p.m.

Minutes of the October 2, 2013 meeting were presented. A Correction was made: Maryann Bessette has no "e" at the end of her first name. Motion to accept as corrected was made by Joanne Kelly. Seconded by Maryann Bessette. Motion carried.

Financial Report for September 30 was read by Stacy Cassata. The COA has used 21.3% of its \$4,88.00 budget for the fiscal year. Motion to accept was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Stacy Cassata. Motion carried.

Carol Umphlett, Agent For the Elderly, Stonington Human Services reported the following contacts for October: Twenty-Nine percent of all contacts were seniors: **Food:** 26 contacts of which 10 were senior; **Transportation:** 45 contacts of which 7 were seniors; **Medicare:** 51 contacts of which 29 were seniors; **Home Health Care:** 4 contacts of which 2 were seniors; **Energy Assistance:** 302 contacts of which 103 were seniors; **Social Security:** no contacts; **Medical (Medicaid) Assistance:** 59 contacts of which 19 were seniors; **TVCCA applications for the months:** 35 contacts of which 21 were seniors; **Financial Assistance:** 39 contacts of which 8 were seniors.

The Program Report

There was no program report.

Legislative:

Lisa Ryan reported that the Town of Stonington will have an appointed trained contact for Veterans Affairs. The First Selectman discussed this position and stated that the position would probably be a current Town employee. The purpose of this position is to provide local access to Veterans Affairs information and referral.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence

Announcements:

Joanne Kelly announced a notice of an Open House at Stone Ridge on November 23, 2013. All are invited.

Old Business:

Stacy Cassata announced that she is meeting with the Stonington High School Honor Society student to discuss their possible participation in the development and implementation of the Comfort Basket project. It is hoped that they will be partners with the COA, Rotary Club of the Stoningtons, and other interested parties.

Lisa Ryan Announced that the Alzheimers Association has completed the police training program that was done earlier this year sponsored by the COA at Stonington Arms.

New Business: She presented a draft questionnaire for banks, stores, and business owners. The purpose of this would be for the COA to assess their interest in another training program that would educate them on the signs of Alzheimers in customers. There will be further discussion and possible action taken at the December meeting.

Adjournment was at 4.36 p.m. Motion to was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Betty Henry. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Billie Ward
Secretary**

Approved at the COA meeting on December 4, 2013