



TOWN OF ENFIELD

Commission on Aging

February, 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: David C Goyette, Chairman, William R. St. George, Secretary, Howard B. Florian, Treasurer, Michael J. Arnone Jr., Muriel Capocci, Dr. Priscilla H. Linehan, Jessica Russell, Staff Liaison.

Absent: Alice Egan, Vice-Chairman, Brian Sherman, Mary L. O'Connell, Timothy R. Slade, Kathleen B. Tallarita, William J. Edgar Jr., Council Liaison, Gregory T. Stokes Sr., Council Liaison.

David C. Goyette opened the Meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Announcements

David C. Goyette stated that Brian Sherman has filled the vacant position. Instead of the usual three- year term, the position will run until the end of the vacated term, December 31, 2017.

We received an acknowledgement of our \$250 contribution to the Nutmeg Senior Rides' Annual Fundraising Walk . The walk will be at Enfield Square on March 25, 2017.

The Senior Center accreditation process is nearing completion. An inspector will visit the center on February 23rd.

Secretary's Report

A motion to accept the Secretary's Report, as presented, was made by Michael J. Arnone Jr. and seconded by Muriel Capocci. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented, was made by William R. St. George and seconded by Michael J. Arnone Jr. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Senior Minor Home Repair

Several volunteers have gotten their ID badges for the program through the Police Department.

The Town found an excellent space for the program. The building is a three car garage with attached office and it has a security alarm. The Commission is grateful for the efforts of our liaison, Red Edgar, the Mayor, Scott Kaupin, and the Town Manager, Bryan Chodkowski.

Symposium

The Symposium will take place on April 25, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. The goal of obtaining top-notch, expert, outside speakers for our single small panel format is almost complete, with one speaker verifying whether she or a staff member will speak. Elizabeth Ritter and Lisa Albert are confirmed. Our liaison, Jessica Russell, when asked, stated that DSS support was in place for printings and mailings as enumerated to date: post card "save-the-date", Invitation letter, and Symposium program. The Committee will meet on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center for detailed planning.

Triad

The Fire and Police Departments are changing their picnic dates from Tuesday to Wednesday, thus covering two meal-days not covered by CRT.

The Commission discussed the funding of the File of Life program by the Commission and others. By consensus, we established the intention to fund a printing of the "refrigerator-size" packets. We delayed further action until our variable expenses can be well estimated.

Nursing Home Project

The Commission thanks Dawn Homer-Bouthiette for getting a picture and short article in the newspaper.

DSS

The Commission reviewed and discussed the COA-DSS support list. The Commissioners decided to review the document for discussion next month.

LTSS

Jessica Russell stated the recent LTSS meeting with the State was as informative as the prior meeting. The next meeting will be in Danbury. Jessica stated that Dawn Homer-Bouthiette decided the meetings did not require five Enfield attendees and that future meetings will have one representative.

CRT

The Commission discussed the impact of cuts in meal service. Regarding the 'wait list': a.) A decrease in "meals on wheels" clients does not mean someone from the wait list is added. b.) We discussed the advocacy of and potential effects of public knowledge. c.) we discussed the mandate for adequate discharge planning ('wait list' is non-compliant.) d.) We discussed the possibility of volunteer efforts. Further discussion is intended.

Currently, CRT is not providing Senior Center meals on every other Wednesday. Susan Lather, Senior Center Director, has been enlisting sponsors from various sources. The schedule is filled through August. The Commission discussed sponsoring a meal.

At 5:28 p.m. a motion to adjourn made by William R. St. George and seconded by Pat H. Linehan passed unanimously.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.