



# TOWN OF ENFIELD

## *Commission on Aging*

Minutes for Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Present: David Goyette, Chairperson, Alice Egan, Vice Chairperson, William St. George, Secretary, Howard Florian, Pauline LaCroix, Pat Linehan, Anthony Messina, Timothy Slade, Kathleen Tallarita, Dawn Homer-Bouthiette, Director of Social Services

Absent: Shirley Carpenter, Mary O'Connell, William Edgar, Town Council Liaison, Greg Stokes, Town Council Liaison

Guests: None

David Goyette, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

### Chairperson's Report

Shirley Carpenter has been bedridden with arthritis.

### Secretary's Report

Discussion on the Meeting Minutes workflow led to the following: a draft version will be sent via email to Commission members and Dawn Homer-Bouthiette; individual members may choose to review/comment and will have two days to respond to the Secretary; and the minutes, amended as necessary, will then be sent to the original recipients plus Ava.

A motion to accept the minutes, with modifications, made by Kathleen Tallarita and seconded by Timothy Slade, was passed.

### Treasurer's Report

In preparation for fiscal yearend, we reviewed project balances and discussed, in detail, incurred expenses yet to be applied. We discussed project priorities, then allocated remaining funds to specific needs. This discussion included a report and recommendation from the 'Refrigerator Magnet' Committee.

A motion to accept the Committee recommendation and allocate \$1,000 for the purchase of refrigerator magnets made by Will St. George and seconded by Timothy Slade, was passed.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented made by Alice Egan and seconded by Kathleen Tallarita, was passed.

### Sub-Commission Reports

#### Grandparents Supporting Grandchildren

Kay Tallarita encouraged members to learn more about the program by attending any of the monthly meetings. The June 6th meeting is their annual picnic starting at 6 p.m. at Enfield Street School.

#### Triad

Triad members reported on the success of the Weymouth Road Pancake Breakfast. Attendance was up from last year. The Triad promoted safety awareness through three demonstrations: the 'Smoke House', the proper use of a fire extinguisher, and Police dog training.

The Police picnic will be held at the Senior Center on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Dawn Homer-Bouthiette suggested the event was an opportunity for the Commission to promote awareness of our initiatives. A discussion ensued. Kay Tallarita and Will St. George volunteered to set up a table at the event. Permissions and details to be determined.

#### Symposium

David Goyette recognized the leadership and hard work of Pat Linehan regarding the April 2016 Symposium. Pat thanked the Committee and the Commission for their contributions to the success of the program. Pat handed out a compilation of participant evaluations and feedback. The Commission discussed the past, present, and future of the Symposium Project. Some included topics were: specific evaluation items, project continuation under a joint committee with Commission members and service professional volunteers, and the three exciting initiatives coming out of our two focus groups.

### Adult Day Care

Dawn Homer-Bouthiette, Director of Social Services, reported participation went from 13 to 20 this month and credited their promotional outreach to local elder-law attorneys. Discussion continued with a review of promotion/outreach and management strategies under the impact of the Town and prospective State budgets.

### Senior Repair Project

Tony Messina reported 55 repair requests (including 13 holdovers) and 14 completions. Work was suspended for the week of the Symposium. The current volunteers on the project are Tony Messina, David Goyette, Tim Slade, Jack Sargent, Al Sweeney, Dennis Humphrey, and Ralph Jamieson. Since project inception through May 11, 2016, grateful seniors have donated \$2,564.24 to the Repair Project (excluding new donations reported at this Meeting).

Beginning on the topic of client tenure, our discussion identified verification of insurance parameters as a prerequisite. Dawn Homer-Bouthiette will pursue this information.

### Old Business

### Refrigerator Magnet

Covered under Treasurer's Report.

### New Business

### Transportation

A Transportation Report will be added to our standard agenda.

Dawn Homer-Bouthiette will report on Dial-a-Ride and Magic Carpet.

### Planning Meeting

The discussion about having a planning meeting was identified as an upcoming agenda item.

## Grant

Dawn Homer-Bouthiette asked the Commission for input on community needs in relation to a current grant writing project due June 1st, 2016. She will email a digital version of the documents to the Commission.

## Meeting Place(s)

Dawn Homer-Bouthiette suggested it advantageous for the Commission to meet at the various Town locations relevant to senior needs. The Commission agreed by consensus. Ava will draw up a twelve month schedule. PLEASE NOTE the June meeting location below.

A motion to adjourn made by Kathleen Tallarita and seconded by Timothy Slade, was passed. The Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Will St. George, Secretary

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., at the TOWN HALL in the ENFIELD ROOM.**