

**COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES
MAY 16, 2018**

Attending: Patricia Burns, Presiding; Francis Burgweger; Carol Burns; James Dougherty; Ann Marie Hynes; Steven Katz; Ellen Wolfson.
Staff: Lori Contadino.
Guest: Christine Edwards

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting were distributed. It was suggested that under Senior Tax Relief, the words "due to lack of requests" be added to the end of the first sentence. It was further suggested that under Senior Center Administrator's Report, the words "how to access a handicapped accessible entrance" be added to the last line of the report. With those clarifications, a Motion was made to approve the Minutes. Seconded and Carried.

Age Friendly Greenwich: L. Contadino reported that the Columbia team has finished its term and provided a synopsis of survey results as of May 8. The survey will remain live through the end of May. As of today we have 2,401 total returns with 1,578 being complete. A final survey report will be prepared later this summer. Housing issues have factored heavily in responses received. After the survey end date, we will need to prioritize actionable items. Columbia has committed a new team for the fall semester. Appreciation was expressed to Steve and Lori for all of their work on the survey. Next steps will include listening sessions (by the end of June) and a community walk around (by the end of July). We need to identify groups to participate and how to invite them. It was suggested that the groups be by area of town and libraries, civic centers and churches were suggested as places to hold the sessions. The goal is to get the greatest participation from the targeted groups.

Nathaniel Witherell: E. Wolfson reported that Nathaniel Witherell is close to hiring a new Director of Nursing and Therapeutic Recreation Director and that someone has been hired to run Witherell At Home.

Senior Tax Relief: K. Burgweger reported that the committee needs to have its proposal on Senior Tax Relief completed by this fall. He noted that the State equivalent of the Commission on Aging has been cut to four staff positions. He also cited a report that projects almost no growth in the number of seniors in town over the next 12 years but increasing by percentage of the population due to negative population growth in town. He questioned the assumptions made.

Director's Report: L. Contadino reported that the 50's event was a huge success. Upcoming events:
May 31 Late Life Issues Conference;
June 13 Thank you to Sponsors event at Riverside Yacht Club
June 14 Next Distinguished Speaker Event
The Sponsor campaign for next year is being planned. Two dates have been set for dementia champion training. Hill House has contacted us about partnering on

a dementia friendly event. They will pay for the event and do the work. It will be in the evening on a date to be determined in June.

MOTION: A Motion was made, seconded and carried to have the Commission go into executive session.

Executive Session: The Commission went into Executive Session from 9:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

Discussion: A brief discussion was had on the newsletter and how and where it is distributed.

Next Meeting: The next Commission meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James B. Dougherty
Secretary