COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2018

Attending: Patricia Burns, Presiding; Francis Burgweger; Carol Burns; James Dougherty; Steven Katz; Ellen Wolfson.
Staff: Lori Contadino; Laurette Helmrich.
Guest: Christine Edwards; Tony Johnson; Terry Mardolo.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting were distributed. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes. Seconded and Carried.

Guest Presentation: Tony Johnson and Terry Mardolo of the Greenwich Housing Authority presented the Authority’s plans to expand McKinney Terrace. The plan would provide an additional 51 units of senior housing. The plan will be presented to the Board of selectmen for Municipal Improvement status. A Motion was made to have the Commission issue a letter of support for the plan. The Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Age Friendly Greenwich: L. Contadino reported that the survey has been closed. Over 2600 surveys were submitted of which 1800 were completed and counted. Data from the survey is being compiled and analyzed. The listening sessions have begun and will end on June 25. The community walk abouts will then begin.

Nathaniel Witherell: E. Wolfson reported that a new Director of Nursing, Therapeutic Recreation Director and finance person have been hired. They will be setting up a business plan. A dinner will be held to honor Dr. Walsh.

Senior Tax Relief: K. Burgweger distributed a report on what other towns in the area offer in terms of senior tax relief.

Human Services: C. Burns reported that a presentation on advocacy was given.

Senior Center Director’s Report: L. Helmrich reported that the Town risk manager will complete an audit of Center practices. This will help in developing a control policy for handling of cash (lunches, etc.). We are working toward the use of prepaid lunch cards and the ability to accept credit cards. A dedicated senior center website is in the works. This will allow for direct control of the website and its contents and allow for online registration and payments.

Commission Director’s Report: L. Contadino reported on the very successful thank you event that was held at the Riverside yacht Club. It was very well attended and attendees appreciated the all
thank you / no business event. A new sponsors campaign has been started for the newly named “Aging Well Series”. Two sponsors have already signed up. Staff training for the new website has been scheduled.

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 10:10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next Commission meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Dougherty
Secretary