

**COMMISSION ON AGING  
MINUTES  
JULY 18, 2018**

Attending: Patricia Burns, Presiding; Francis Burgweger; Carol Burns; James Dougherty; Anne Marie Hynes; Steven Katz.  
Staff: Lori Contadino; Laurette Helmrich.  
Guest: Christine Edwards.

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

Minutes: Minutes of the June 20, 2018 meeting were distributed. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes. Seconded and Carried.

Nathaniel  
Witherell: E. Wolfson absent, no report.

Human  
Services: C. Burns reported that there was no report

Senior Center  
Director's  
Report: L. Helmrich reported that the water aerobics program has started and is very popular. There are two classes. Classes are held at the new Byram Shore Pool. The new website is nearing completion and staff is training to be able to post information directly.

Commission  
Director's  
Report: L. Contadino reported that we are working to be able to accept direct registration and accept credit card payments on the new website. The next POCD meeting will be held on June 19. Members were asked to volunteer to attend and read a statement from the Commission on Age Friendly Greenwich. The new office position has been posted and received a good response. It is hoped that the position will be filled by the end of September.

Senior  
Tax Relief: K. Burgweger distributed a sheet showing the current income levels and corresponding tax credit amounts along with a comparison of the income brackets were split in half. He also distributed a report on what other towns in the area offer in terms of senior tax relief. It was suggested that a mil rate comparison be added. Next he distributed the State's projected population levels for Greenwich along with percentage calculations by age. Finally he distributed a list of random thoughts and questions related to senior tax relief. The next step will be a meeting with the assessor to have certain questions answered.

Transportation:  
It was reported that the Town has scheduled quarterly meetings of all Town agencies that use TAG. Under a new system, TAG will be billing us monthly after the fact rather than pre-billing as in the past. The son of the owner of Greenwich Taxi has taken over and is operating Greenwich taxi under a new management company. Since our share the fare agreement is with Greenwich taxi

we need to verify the change of vendor for payment. A request has been made for documentation but we have not received a response. Nor have we received the required insurance certificate.

Age Friendly

Greenwich: L. Contadino reported that listening sessions have been completed. A summation will be compiled and distributed. An initial review shows the results in line with the survey results. The next step is the community walk audit, probably in September. Late October or early November is being targeted for the next AARP representative visit. Lori has been invited to this year's AARP conference on livable communities. AARP covers all of the expenses. Lori presented on the age friendly initiative to the selectman's committee on disabilities. Steve Katz has the survey information on his computer and has begun graphing and charting the information.

Next

Meeting: The next Commission meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018. There will be no meeting in August.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Dougherty  
Secretary