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1.1. September 2018 Minutes

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**COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

Attending: Steven Katz, Presiding; Francis Burgweger; Carol Burns; James Dougherty; Anne Marie Hynes; Ellen Wolfson.
Staff: Lori Contadino; Laurette Helmrich.

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

Minutes: Minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting were distributed. A Motion was made to approve the Minutes. Seconded and Carried.

Age Friendly
Greenwich: S. Katz reporting. A draft of the Age Friendly survey results was distributed. The results of the listening sessions and walk abouts still need to be incorporated. A difference in age group responses was noted in awareness of what the town offers and what is wanted. Issues involving housing needs and what is available was discussed. It was suggested that the draft be forwarded to Katie DeLuca for consideration in the POCD meetings. It was suggested that Katie DeLuca be invited to the next Commission meeting to discuss the issues. It was reported that Greenwich Hospice is closing.

Commission
Director's
Report: L. Contadino continued the Age Friendly report. The next phase of the Columbia team has started and Lee Hirsch will continue as faculty moderator. The team has 5 grad student members. Bill Armbruster, our AARP representative will visit again in October. Lori will attend the AARP Livable Communities conference in November. Greenwich is being looked at as a best practice model for other communities and Lori will speak at the conference. Now that the weather has cooled, the walk abouts will be scheduled. 25 professionals have agreed to be trained and act as Dementia Champions. Each will do at least 4 educational sessions a year in Greenwich and the surrounding area. The annual Health and Wellness Expo will take place on October 11. The keynote Speaker, Jason Suran, is a mentalist and master of memory. The Caregivers Circle continues with 3 upcoming sessions on October 30, November 27 and December 11 all at Greenwich Library. The Sponsorship Campaign has come to a close. Sponsorships totaled \$52,550.00, up from \$33,500.00 last year

Senior Center
Director's
Report: L. Helmrich introduced a new employee, Marie Higby who is our customer service representative. Marie has 20 years experience in town employment. Work and learning on the new town website continues. Photos, schedules, etc. are being added. The second session of level 1 of Total Brain Health has begun with 20 in the class. In the Spring we will add level 2. We continue to meet with the Town internal auditor to work toward implementing a stored value card and use of credit and debit cards by members. We should be able to do this through My Senior Center. It was suggested that we look at having a senior center membership card that would also be a stored value card, a merchant discount card

and also work with share the fare

Senior

Tax Relief: K. Burgweger distributed a handout showing possible changes to the income level brackets and corresponding property tax credit amounts along with definitions of income and identification of what other town define as income. It was discussed whether the new ordinance should sunset after 5 years, 10 years or not have a sunset provision. The Commission will vote on a recommendation to the Town at the October meeting.

Transportation:

It was reported that we have met with Greenwich taxi to discuss ways of simplifying the share the fare program. It was noted that TAG has requested an early distribution of its next quarterly funding from the Town.

Nathaniel

Witherell: E. Wolfson reported that there was a drop off in admissions due to renovations but with most of the work done, admissions are back up. The work on floors 1, 2 and 4 is complete. They are short on funding to complete the 3rd floor. About \$500,000.00 is needed to finish. A dinner will be held on November 1 at Greenwich Country Club to honor Dr. Walsh.

Operating

Plan: The plan is not yet complete. Lori will email the plan to commission members once it is complete. The plan needs to be with the First Selectman's Office by October 2.

MOTION: To allow the Commission members to vote on the Operating Plan by email. Seconded. Carried.

Next

Meeting: The next Commission meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Dougherty
Secretary