

TOWN OF GREENWICH
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION
NATHANIEL WITHERELL STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES –FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Committee: Arthur D. Norton, Elizabeth K. Krumeich; Nancy Weissler

Others: Marie Allen, Executive Director of the Southwestern Connecticut Area Agency on Aging (SWCAAA)


The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M.

1. Conference Call with Marie Allen, Executive Director of SWCAAA

Ms. Allen provided an overview of SWCAAA, which is a 501-c-3 designated by the Federal Government to oversee the distribution of Federal funds for the aging to provide selected services. SWCAA is responsible for distributing Medicaid funds for the Home Care and Money Follows the Person programs. These programs have two goals—to allow elderly individuals to age in place and to assist elderly individuals who live in skilled nursing facilities to transition from the facility to a more independent living situation.

To qualify for the program, the seniors must apply to the CT Department of Social Services to meet Medicaid asset and income eligibility (including a 5-year look back). They must also have critical medical and cognitive needs that require the services of 24/7 live-in assistance. SWCAA contracts with outside agencies (it has relationships with about 30 agencies serving the Greenwich area) to provide these aides, who are trained but not licensed. The average monthly payment to the agency is \$6,000 or about \$192/day (this compares to about \$280/day that Medicaid pays to Nathaniel Witherell). Ms. Allen indicated that there are approximately 168 seniors in Greenwich who are participating in this program.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.



Arthur D. Norton, Chairman