

**COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

Attending: P. Burns, Presiding; Francis Burgweger; C. Burns; James Dougherty; S. Katz.
Staff: Lori Contadino; Laurette Helmrich; C. Krois.
Guests: C. Edwards, N. Edwards

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

Minutes: Minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting were distributed and approved unanimously.

Senior Center Administrator's Report:

L. Helmrich reported that the ramp work is continuing as weather permits, however, the lower level work is on hold as the fiscal year budget has been used up. Work will resume after July 1 unless the Town is able to advance funding. Staff will be meeting with IT to be trained on how to post on and update the website. We would like an additional My Senior Center terminal for the lower level entrance. We are using Constant Contact more and more.

Social Services:

C. Burns reported that the next meeting is next week.

Nathaniel Witherell:

S. Katz reported that the new website has been launched. The private census is up. An effort is being made to attract from outside the Town of Greenwich.

Transportation:

C. Burns reported that the Lyft is interested in meeting to discuss possible use.

Director's Report:

L. Contadino reported that the TAG contract is being reviewed and that negotiations on the new contract need to begin soon. Norwalk Transit sent the report on our members directly to TAG. We need to have the report.

Save the date notices are being sent out for the three remaining sponsorship programs. On May 11 we will, celebrate Older Americans Month. The theme is "Age Out Loud". The event will be a Murder Mystery Dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. We hope to have a full event of 200 attendees.

The second event will be on May 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be the annual Late Life Conference. It will be held at Greenwich Hospital. The theme will be an Age and Dementia Friendly Community. It is hoped that a representative from AARP in Washington will attend to discuss our initiative and to get other groups on board.

The third event will be held on June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium. It is part of our distinguished lecture series. Dr. Cynthia Greene who is an expert on enhancing mental capacity will speak.

A phone conference was had with a representative of AARP in Washington regarding our Age Friendly Community effort. It appears that AARP will be very supportive and helpful in our efforts.

Lori met with the GREATS group. She dealt with some misconceptions regarding the renovation. She also discussed with the group the Age Friendly initiative and had positive feedback and offers to serve on committees from members of the group.

Lori met with the President and CEO of the Connecticut Alzheimers Association and discussed our Age/Dementia Friendly initiative. The Association will be very helpful in providing contacts with the State. A greater presence in Greenwich by the Association was also discussed. They will begin to use the Senior Center to do assessments.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on March 15, 2017 at 8:30 a.m..

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Dougherty
Secretary