COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2015

Attending: Patricia. Burns, Presiding; Wendy Blumenthal; Catherine Brennan; Francis Burgweger; James Dougherty; Steven Katz.
Staff: Lori Contadino; Laurette Helmrich; Chicky Krois.
Guests: C. Edwards, RTM; N. Edwards, RTM; D. Kelly, GREATS; G. O’Loughlin, GDSS.

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

Minutes: Minutes were distributed for the March 18, 2015 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded and carried.

Super Noggin: Lori and Laurette presented a demonstration of the Super Noggin program that is being introduced. It is a brain fitness program that incorporates health and nutrition aspects. A mini lesson was given involving physical and mental activities. The demonstration was well received.

Chairman’s Report: Presented by P. Burns: Patricia reviewed the Bylaws and saw that the annual meeting should be the April meeting. For 2015, the annual meeting will be the May meeting. Patricia feels that it is important to have active commission committees to assist the staff and has asked all members to be on at least one committee. The following committee appointments have been made:
- Remodeling: W. Blumenthal;
- Transportation: W. Blumenthal & K. Burgweger;
- Housing: S. Katz & K. Burgweger;
- Senior Tax Relief: C. Brennan & J. Dougherty;

Nominating Committee: W. Blumenthal & S. Katz, acting as the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Officers to be voted on at the May meeting:
- Chair: P. Burns;
- Vice-Chair: C. Brennan;
- Secretary: J. Dougherty

Old Business: The TAG Contract. There has been difficulty in scheduling a meeting with Jim Boutelle of TAG. We are willing to have the TAG transportation suspended if a new contract is not agreed to by the time the current contract expires. It was
discussed whether we should only agree to a one year contract with TAG to allow
time to put a future contract out to bid. A letter will be sent to Jim Boutelle with a
copy to the TAG Board Chair expressing frustration over the difficulty in meeting
and hoping that a meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

GREATS: GREATS President Don Kelly presented a report. The GREATS Board is now
full at 20 members. GREATS is concerned over the RTM budget process as
relates to the Senior Center. GREATS members are bing encouraged to publicly
support the Senior Center and if they have any issues to present them to the
GREATS Board to bring up with the Senior Center staff rather than making those
concerns public.

Administrator's
Report: L. Helmrich reported that Super Noggin is being rolled out with a big push this
month. The response has been positive and there is a waiting list.
Laurette met with the food service and with Town building and construction
people to look into the most efficient and best use of the facility in the kitchen
remodeling. No final plans or a start date have been set yet.

Social
Services: G. O’Loughlin reported that 33 residents are using the SWCAA program and 66
are using the homemakers service for a total of 99.

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Witherell: S. Katz reported that they are further increasing rehab space and decreasing long
term care space. The State survey found one minor issue that has already been
resolved. They are still struggling financially

Director's
Report: L. Contadino reported that the May is Older Americans Month. The theme is
“Get Into The Act” in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans
Act. The program in recognition of Older Americans Month in Greenwich will be
held on May 13 from 1:30 to 3 in Town Hall. Seating capacity is 110.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Dougherty
Secretary