

**COMMISSION ON AGING  
MINUTES  
JULY 19, 2017**

Attending: P. Burns, Presiding; Francis Burgweger; James Dougherty; Ann Marie Hynes; Ellen Wolfson.

Staff: Lori Contadino; Laurette Helmrich.

Guests: Friends Board: Robbie Kestnbaum; Mathia Mathai  
AgeWellCT: Sherry Ostrout; Julia Nable; Zoltan Csillag

Call To

Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting were distributed and approved.

Senior Center  
Administrator's

Report: L. Helmrich reported that Suzanne has announced her retirement. A new program coordinator will be hired. The tile for the lower level is in and we are looking at furniture. The new art room will be ready in the Fall.

Nathaniel

Witherell: P. Burns reported that they have a new rehab manager. They have begun a new program called Witherell at Home along with Sterling Care. The auditorium renovation will take 4 to 5 months. The occupancy rate for the year was at 94% which was over budget.

Senior Tax

Relief: K. Burgweger distributed an outline of the status of and issues related to senior tax relief. The relief provision is set to sunset in 2 years. We would like to eliminate the sunset provision in the next go round. A discussion was had on how people are notified of the availability of the relief program.

Director's

Report: L. Contadino distributed a copy of a Greenwich Time article on the Commissions efforts in coordination with Liberation Program and the Town Social Services Department to address senior opioid issues. Also distributed were graphs showing the number of Share the Fare voucher sales and the Town subsidy. A sample Age Friendly Greenwich Advisory Board application was distributed. A confidential list of potential sponsors was distributed to commission members. Greenwich Hospital and Greenwich Library have signed on as in kind sponsors and King Street Home has signed on as a sponsor.

NEXT

MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on September 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m..

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Dougherty  
Secretary