

**COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2016**

Attending: P. Burns, Presiding; W. Blumenthal; Francis Burgweger; James Dougherty; S. Katz.
Staff: Lori Contadino; C. Krois.

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

Minutes: Minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting were distributed and approved unanimously with P. Burns and W. Blumenthal abstaining as they did not attend the September meeting.

Director's Report: L. Contadino reported that today's Greenwich Time had a front page article on Medicare D counseling. After only two days counseling has saved clients over \$10,000 with one client saving approximately \$3,000.
The Health and Wellness event was very successful. Seniors felt that the focus was on them rather than on vendors. 260 hot lunches were served and approximately 400 flu shots were administered. \$25,500 was raised in sponsorship money.
The ramp construction is progressing with the pouring on concrete expected soon. Completion is expected in December.
The lower level work is at a standstill due to exhaustion of funds and DPW manpower shortage. A visit will be made with the designer to a furnishings supplier in Hartford to look at potential furnishings. It was suggested that we ask assisted living facilities where they purchased furnishings. Most likely the Friends will fund the purchase.
A meeting was held with the RTM Health and Human Services representative regarding the next budget.
The next lecture in the series will be held on November 3 at the Cole Auditorium.

Senior Tax Relief: F. Burgweger reported that the process has started. He distributed a handout with meeting notes and charts. It is hoped that the sunset provision can be eliminated from any new plan. The current sunset is 2019.

Age Friendly Greenwich: S. Katz reported that the certification will be about a four year process. It will begin with a direction from the Selectman to proceed. It is hoped to be before the Selectman in December. Further steps will include identifying shareholders, studying the Town, proposing an action plan, implementing the plan and obtaining AARP certification. The process will give the Town the tools to implement and monitor the plan. The result will be an increase in livability for all age groups in the community.

Nathaniel Witherell: S. Katz reported that Nathaniel Witherell is looking at getting into getting into the

home care business either directly or by partnering with an existing provider.

State

Alzheimer

Association: The Association has indicated it would like to use one of the new offices on the lower level, initially once a month then possibly more, to have a presence in Greenwich. This will be pursued but it was suggested that we will need to have a clear understanding with them on what they can and can't (fundraising) use the space for.

Handouts: A summation of State 2016 Acts affecting Seniors was distributed as was the new Directory of Aging and Disability Services For Greenwich.

Elder

Abuse: S. Katz stated that there is no good way in Town or the State to report elder abuse

NEXT

MEETING: The next meeting of the Commission will be held on November 16, 2016.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous motion at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James B. Dougherty
Secretary