

Commission on Aging

Minutes of the Meeting

October 16, 2017

Present: Chair Chris Robertson, Marion Freer, Mary Morrisroe, Dayna Sierakowski, Kathleen Brennan, Advisor Karen Gaudian, George Noyes (new Commission member)

Absent: Sheila Silverman, Mary Ann O'Grady

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Robertson at 2:30pm.

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Kathleen Brennan approved and George Noyes seconded. Chris welcome George Noyes as an official new member of the Commission.

Chair Chris Robertson reviewed policies and procedures for meetings, in regards to meeting room, parking, etc.

Social Services discussed complaints that they have received from multiple residents at the RHA. A prominent issue is that residents have concerns about bringing up problems with management. Some residents have voiced concerns that their situation will have negative consequences if they make complaints directly to the RHA. Discussion ensued as to how the Commission can help empower residents so they are comfortable voicing their concerns and able to get issues addressed. We also discussed the complex relationship between the Town of Ridgefield, Ridgefield Housing Authority and the management company. Wish is to get a voice/advocacy for residents, where they would feel comfortable airing any grievance and bringing light to issues.

Dr. Dee Unterbach (Psychotherapist and SW Consultant from Wilton) and Crystal Green nurse from RVNA attended meeting and gave feedback. Thank you notes will be sent to both for attending.

Chair Chris Robertson ended meeting at 4:04pm.