

Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2020

Present:

Chair: Laura Giovannoli, George Noyes, Mary Morrisroe, Sheila Silverman, LynnMarie Wieland, Debra Franceschini

Absent: Cathleen Savery, Andrea Beebe

Advisor: Karen Gaudian

Tony Phillips from Ridgefield Social Services

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. at Founders Hall by Chair, Laura Giovannoli.

Lynne Marie moved that we approve minutes from December meeting. George seconded the motion, all were in favor be accepted as written.

All commissioners went over ideas for the commission and how we could get more involved with the community.

Laura talked about the possibility of having meetings at Ballard Green and getting more involved in their monthly board meetings.

George talked about the POCD plan for Ridgefield and how the COA should be involved as bring ideas to the P&Z. All were in favor of getting the COA involved in the planning process. George will write a letter to the P&Z sharing our thoughts.

Deb discussed a COA sponsored program allowing Seniors to take advantage a program that could be created similar to Family FaceTime.

Deb will discuss with Kerri Glass from Goldstone Foundation to learn how it's currently done for families.

We talked about Intergenerational lunches with Seniors at some of our local schools. Buy a Senior meal. Perhaps a Luncheon at Gallo?

Sheila talked about updating the Senior Booklet on website as we'd like to move this resource online and save on future printing costs and update information in booklet as needed.

Lynne Marie talked about the various transportation resources in town and provided current town transfers schedules and routes.

Deb mentioned she had identified a possible commissioner for our vacant seat. She will talk to her and so if she can come to our next meeting.

A member of the public was at the meeting and discussed her concerns with the lack of communication given to residents of the RHA Meadows apartments. 80 Apartments, some with no sidewalks, no community room. They do have transportation from Congregate Housing.

With no further business, George made a motion to adjourn meeting and Debra seconded and all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Franceschini-Gatje
Meeting Secretary