

Commission on Aging
May 17, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting time of 2:30pm canceled
Special Meeting time changed to 7:15pm

In Attendance: Laura Giovannoli, Debra Franceschini, Sheila Silverman, Mary Morrisroe, George Noyes, Maureen Culhane, Andrea Beebe, Karen Guadian, Tony Phillips

Absent: Stephanie Rowe, Cathleen Savery

Laura Giovannoli as chair and opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Reviewed and accepted April Minutes: Debra made the motion to approve, and George seconded, all approved.

Old Business

Discussion regarding the establishment of a COVID 19 Memorial in town to honor and recognize the individuals who unfortunately lost their lives due to Covid 19.

RVNA is interested in partnering with us.

A call will be held this week to discuss

COA will review this again June

Stephanie's proposed change to N2N will be held over to next month for discussion.

Applying for Grants- discussion carried until next month

- Stephaine Rowe will look into grants and grant writing before our May meeting
- Grants and outreach- Specific needs to General requests

Compassionate Ridgefield Pledge- the COA voted to lend our name and take the pledge. Sheila made the motion, Debra seconded, all in attendance approved. Debra will submit the required paperwork to take the pledge.

Mary Morrisroe will be part of the [June 12th](#) presentation "We will Shine On" with Amy Cohen and Kevin Brown in Ballard Park. She will run the "R-U OK" table. Debra will be there too representing Meals on Wheels.

Karen Guadian shared that as of [May 15th](#), Neighbors Helping Neighbors officially ended. She will review other options for the few residents who may still require help.

New Business-

Age Ambassador training from the United Way- Debra sent information to all of the SPIF stakeholders to encourage their staff to take part in the training.

Discussed CT Dept. of Aging program 'Pathways to Living in an Age-Inclusive Society'- will continue the discussion

Debra shared the Food Bank Truck will be in town on Friday [May 20th](#).

George shared that on [June 4th](#) and 5th, on the front lawn and wall of the Ridgefield Library there will be a book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgefield Library.

Debra shared that there will be exciting news to benefit the town announced on [June 1st](#). Stay tuned.

Next Meeting: [June 21st](#) at 7:15pm via Zoom.

Laura made a motion to close the meeting at 8:08pm. All Approved.