

Commission on Aging

Meeting Minutes from May 16th, 6:30pm Zoom meeting

Present: Andrea Beebe, Stephanie Rowe, Debra Franceschini, George Noyes, Maureen Culhane, Karen Guardian

Absent: Tony Phillips

Members of the public: Rian Maholtra and Joseph Turnullo

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

-Chair Report

Andrea talked about a conversation she has with Grace Weber from Founders Hall regarding a brief presentation about the COA. Grace suggested something in the Fall as she's creating his program schedule.

-Commission Recruiting

Debra will continue to recruit folks to the Commission using the Ridgefield Press and will also expand it to HamletHub and Patch and Library.

-Founders Hall Donation request

Previously approved Founders Hall Donation of \$100 for an add in their 20th year anniversary was discussed to have payment processed by town hall.

-Covid Memorial Tree update

Debra shared that the tree has been planted at the Historical Society property owned by Steve Zemo. She is working on receiving quotes from sign makers to be placed at the foot of the tree with the wording that George provided.

-Dementia Friendly Training

The next training class is May 26th at Ridgefield Station from 4pm-5:30pm. Andrea is planning on attending. Some of the other Commissioners will attend a day event in June.

-Senior Summer Surprise

Debra brought up concerns with leaving gift cards at people doors, storm doors are locked. Maureen suggested we purchase small gifts bags with tissue paper to place them in. Debra will research the small bags costs.

-Commission on Aging town website

Debra and Andrea have identified are that need to be updated/corrected and removed from our website. Once list is final, it will be reviewed with Tony to make changes.

-Our high school intern Tyler Z. started on May 9th. He's working on cleaning up the Senior Guide Booklet for reprint when funds are available. He's also confirming transportation options for our business card giveaways.

-The Commission discussed using the CT Seniors Facebook page and renaming it to the Commission on Aging Facebook page. All commissioners were in favor of doing this. Andrea will check with town hall regarding the legality of doing so. We will wait to here back from her before any action is taken on the page.

-A member is the public who is interested in joining the Commission asked about our mission, short term and long term goals. We review our mission and discussed a possible revision to it. We also will discuss measurable short term and long term goals at future meetings.

New Business

-Debra reminder all about the Senior Luncheon at the Loundsbury House on Monday, May 26th.

-Debra also brought up programming that addresses signs for grandparents to look for regarding sexual abuse. Programming is provided by the Center of Empowerment. More information to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Franceschini

Commission on Aging Secretary