

**Minutes of the Ridgefield Commission on Aging (“CoA”) Meeting  
October 16, 2023, 2:30 pm, Small Conference Room, Town Hall**

Commissioner Ternullo called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Commissioners Bancel, Noyes, Martin, Saleeby, and Ternullo were present. Absent were Commissioner Beebe and Culhane. Also present were: Tony Phillips, Town of Ridgefield Director of Social Services and CoA ex officio advisor; Karen Gaudian, Town of Ridgefield Municipal Agent for Seniors and CoA ex officio advisor.

As the 1<sup>st</sup> order of business of public comment, Patricia Yaffa introduced herself and expressed her interest in serving on the CoA.

As the 2<sup>nd</sup> order of business, Ms. Saleeby moved that the 9/18/2023 CoA minutes be approved. Mr. Bancel seconded. Mr. Ternullo invited discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. With 4 yea’s and 1 abstention the minutes were approved.

As the 3<sup>rd</sup> order of business, Ms. Martin displayed the ‘rack cards’ and reported that they had been distributed around town. She also reported that, thanks to the generosity of Liz and Steve Goldstone, the Senior Directory booklet would be going to print imminently and would be mailed to some 7,000 Ridgefield households thereafter.

As the 4<sup>th</sup> order of business Ms. Saleeby reported that the free movies at The Ridgefield Playhouse have been extended from the summer into the fall and that this has become a popular event with increasing numbers of Ridgefield senior citizens attending and enjoying the movies and the opportunity to connect with friends and neighbors. Ms. Saleeby reported that she received two calls from residents interested in attending but who were unable to arrange transportation. This led to a discussion of other transportation challenges that have surfaced recently. Mr. Phillips took note and advised that he would investigate.

Mr. Ternullo reported that the September and October Senior Voices sessions were well attended and successful, the November and December sessions have been scheduled, and the January and February events are in process.

As a 5<sup>th</sup> order of business, Ms. Martin summarized the various press releases and media outreach activities that she has pursued to promote CoA and related activities of particular interest to Ridgefield seniors.

As the 6<sup>th</sup> order of business Mr. Phillips announced that the Needs Assessment Survey is live.

As the 7<sup>th</sup> order of business Mr. Ternullo discussed the setting of the 2024 CoA meetings. It was noted that past practice has been to schedule these on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 2:30 pm and to suspend the July and August meetings. There was consensus that consistency was important. Mr. Ternullo advised that the CoA will set meeting dates at its 11/20/23 meeting.

There being no other business, Mr. Ternullo invited a motion to adjourn. Mr. Noyes called for adjournment. Mr. Bancel seconded.

The above is a true and accurate summary of the CoA 10/16/23 meeting.

Joseph Ternullo  
Acting Secretary