

Commission on Aging Informal Discussion
October 11, 2016

Present: John Whritner
Ilene Harris
B. B. Smith

Absent: John E. Donnelly, III
Joe Palazzo
Joan Bengtson
Marge Caste

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Also Present: Cathy Wilson, Senior Center Director
Rose Ann Hardy, Ex officio

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

John Whritner, Vice Chair, called the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting of October 11, 2016 to order at 5:00 p.m. for an informational discussion since a quorum was not established.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- b. Delegations. There were no guests.
- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2016. The September 12 Minutes were tabled.
- d. Correspondence. There was no correspondence.

2. STATUS REPORT

a. Transportation. Ms. Wilson reported her full time driver's surgery went well. She is on medical leave until Thanksgiving. Joe Savoie fulfilled all of D.M.V. requirements and was able to start in September which was helpful as John Hallisey was on vacation.

The R-2 went into the garage last week for a fuel tank sensor unit and to install snow tires. It is now in operation. Transportation is very busy. We are attempting to determine the needs of individuals requesting transportation to determine if it is really needed immediately.

b. Senior Trips.

(1) Enrichment Trips. The following enrichment trips are planned: October 12 a lunch trip to The Steak Loft in Mystic. Afterwards to Clydes' Cider Mill for some awesome apple cider. The trip fee is \$3; October 26 for a lunch trip to On the Rocks @ Fox Hopyard in Haddam. Afterwards for some leaf peeping in the area.

(2) Day/Overnight Trips. The following Day trips have been planned:; October 13 for the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular at the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI. The trip fee is \$46 pp; November 3 for a trip to Mohegan Sun those attending will receive a casino package for a trip fee of \$20; November 15 to Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Newport, RI to see "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" for a trip fee of \$76pp; December 8 for Stocking Stuffer Holly Days in Central, MA. Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Hebert's Candy Mansion and Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn and lunch included at the Old Mill in Westminster. Everyone gets a Christmas stocking and a gift in the stocking. The trip fee is \$89.

The following Overnight trips have been planned: December 2-4, 2016 for a trip to Niagara Falls Festival of Lights Tour in Niagara Falls, Canada. 3 days and 2 nights. \$495 pp double, \$465 triple and \$625 single. February 7-17, 2017 for a No Fly Caribbean Cruise leaving out of New York City, 11 days, 10 nights on the Norwegian Gem. Trip fees range from \$1259 to \$1809 (taxes included); May 28-June 5, 2017 Steamboatin' on the Mississippi River aboard the American Queen paddleboat for 9 days and 8 nights. The trip fees from \$3,068 to \$5,468 (taxes included); October 24-November 8, 2017 for an escorted Panama Canal Cruise on Celebrity's Infinity for 16 days and 15 nights. The trip fees are from \$3,315 to \$3,825 (taxes included).

c. Programs.

(1) Senior Nutrition Program. There was no discussion on the Senior Nutrition Program.

(2) Senior Center Programs-Ongoing. There was no discussion on ongoing senior programs.

(3) Senior Center Programs – New. There was no discussion on Senior Center programs.

d. Budget - General Fund, Revolving Account. There was no discussion on the general fund revolving account.

e. Revenues - General Fund, Revolving Account. There was no discussion on revenues.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Other Pertinent Business. There was no discussion of other pertinent business.

b. Open Door Program at Waterford Senior Services. Ms. Wilson contacted Waterford Senior Center last week regarding the Open Door Program. There are currently five people registered. Two are from Niantic. An additional application from Niantic is still pending.

They plan to have this program continue for one year. They will ask for donations from participants. They will pick up participants throughout the year. We are processing \$1,000 for them.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Budget Process for 2017-2018 to Begin. Ms. Wilson reported she would like to upgrade her Senior Center Associate. She needs more driving hours. The Program Budget needs to be increased. She would like a line item for the kitchen. She has asked Tom Grills to make recommendations on the kitchen. Our Acappella Group will be at the Senior Center in the Olive Chendali Room and at the schools half of the time.

Ms. Hardy reported to date the Board of Selectmen have not discussed guidelines for the budget. We are looking to determine where the school project is going. We have discussion on a full time Police Department on the Agenda. The Resident State Trooper has become very expensive and requires a fiscal analysis. A Public Hearing will be held on October 19. The state wants the Town to pay 100%.

b. Capital Improvement Plan Changes. The Town is requesting a Ten Year Capital Plan. Ms. Wilson feels the vehicles will need to be replaced.

c. Storage Issues. More storage is needed. A shed was discussed.

d. Other Pertinent Business. Ms. Wilson reported the East Lyme Police would like to give a program on fraud.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public for discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Informal Discussion adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary