

COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 2022

Present: John Whritner  
Michael Bekech  
Marge Caste  
Ilene Harris  
Margret Hughes

FILED

Aug 16 2022 AT 9:00 AM/PM  
*(Signature)*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present: Cathy Wilson, Director

**1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Chairman Whritner called the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission on Aging Special Meeting to order at 5pm.

- b. Delegations. No delegations present.
- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mr. Whritner asked for additions, deletions, or corrections to the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission on Aging Minutes. No changes noted.

MOTION (1): Mr. Bekech moved to approve the June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Marge Caste. Ms. Hughes abstained from voting. (4-0).

- d. Correspondence. None.

**2. STATUS REPORT**

- a. Transportation. Ms. Wilson informed the Commission that R2 and R3 have had their inspections by Monaco Ford for their registration renewal. No issues were noted, and registrations have been submitted to DMV. R1 and R2 quarterly reports were sent to the DOT. R1 and R3 have gone to the Town garage for their quarterly maintenance and R2 will be going in before the end of this month.

The old R2 which is sitting in the ELCC parking lot will hopefully be sold.

At this time, the new camera system slated for the ELCC parking lot has not been installed.

- b. Senior Trips.

1. Enrichment Trips. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, a Fun Trip is scheduled for a lighthouse cruise with Cross Sound Ferry and lunch will be at La Luna in New London. In September, a trip is being planned for Lavender Pond Farm with lunch at the Copper Skillet. ROMEO trips will be scheduled for every other month or every quarter depending upon interest.

2. Day Trips. A new day trip was added in September for the 21<sup>st</sup> to go to the Big E in Springfield, MA (Connecticut Day). The trip fee will be \$75pp.

Overnight Trips. Three new overnight trips through Collette Vacations have been added. They are:

Spain & Portugal	April 2023
California	August 2023
Northern Italy	October 2023

Detailed flyers are available.

c. Programs

1. Senior Nutrition Program. Nothing new to report.

2. Senior Center Programs – Ongoing. Lunch and Learn program is being well received. We are limiting the attendance to 20 as we have not been charging any fee for this program. We are looking at charging \$1 or \$2pp to help solidify who is registering as we are having people either show up with registering or not showing up and not informing the office. Our special luncheons are moderately successful and are averaging around 40 people.

3. Senior Center Programs – New. Ms. Wilson reported that another COVID vaccination clinic held by Ledge Light Health District (LLHD) and hosted by the Senior Center will be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. LLHD is also going to run a Cookwell with Diabetes program to be held at the Senior Center. The Senior Centers in eastern CT are going to hold a Block Party at the Groton Center and have The Corvettes perform. \$10pp.

d. Budget-General Fund and Revolving Account. A final report for FY21/22 will be available at the September meeting.

e. Revenues – General Fund and Revolving Account. A final report for FY21/22 will be available at the September meeting.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Request for ARP Funds. Ms. Wilson reported that she had not been contacted about the availability of these funds. The proposed feasibility study and the new Town Social Worker position have not been processed as the ARP funds have yet to be disbursed to the Town. Ms. Wilson is meeting with the First Selectman this week on other matters and will inquire about the funds.

- b. Review of Volunteer Background Check Process. Ms. Wilson reported that background checks are only done on Meals on Wheels and that they are done prior to them driving. Does the Senior Center want to perform the background checks on all volunteers used by the Senior Center? The consensus was that was not necessary. Does the Senior Center want to do an annual background check on the Meals on Wheels volunteers? After discussion, it was felt that the Meals on Wheel volunteers would be put into a random pool for a background check that would occur after their "hiring". More discussion to be held in September about how often the drawing would occur and how many names would be drawn.
- c. Review of Instructor Fees. Ms. Wilson reported that most Senior Centers in the area pay their instructors \$50 per class. She would like to bring up the instructor fees to be more competitive.
- d. Review of Senior Center Program Fees. Ms. Wilson provided information about what area Senior Centers and Park & Recreation departments are charging for their programs. A proposed fee increase schedule will be provided at the September meeting.
- e. Other Pertinent Business. Mr. Beckech stated that a pickleball court had been erected at Mago Point and suggested that Ms. Wilson go review it.

#### **4.NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Usage of Olive Chendali Room. A room usage chart for the Olive Room was provided for review. It was generally felt that this area is not the best location for the Social Work position. Mr. Bekech suggested looking into the Probate Court building to see if there is any space there that can be used for an office.
- b. Welcome New Board Member. Ms. Margret Hughes was introduced to the Board.
- c. Other Pertinent Business. Ms. Wilson asked if anyone had seen the Zoning Commission Notice of Public Hearing about 55+ Housing Units proposed for 138 Boston Post Road.

#### **5.EX-OFFICIO REPORT**

None. Ms. Hardy not in attendance

#### **6.PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

None.

#### **8.ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION (2): Ms. Harris moved to adjourn the Commission on Aging August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Special Meeting at 5L:40pm. Seconded by Ms. Caste. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy J. Wilson, Director