

Commission on Aging Special Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2015

Present: Philip Mountain
Joe Palazzo
Joan Bengtson
B. B. Smith
John Whritner
Ilene Harris
Marge Caste

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Also Present: Cathy Wilson, Senior Services Coordinator

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Mountain called the Commission on Aging Special Meeting of April 13, 2015 to order at 5:00 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- b. Delegations. There were no delegations.
- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2015. Mr. Mountain asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Commission on Aging Special Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015.

The following corrections were noted: On page 2, under b. (1) the trip to Rein's Deli is scheduled for April 22 and on page 4 the third sentence should begin "Mr. Palazzo"....

MOTION: B. B. Smith moved to approve the March 9, 2015 Commission on Aging Special Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Bengtson. Ilene Harris, Marge Caste and John Whritner abstained from voting. (4-0-3) Motion carried.

- d. Correspondence. There was no correspondence.

2. STATUS REPORT

- a. Transportation. Ms. Wilson reported all vehicles went in for quarterly maintenance at the Town Garage.

Her regular part-time driver is away and the two part-time drivers have been filling in. She informed the Commission that Senior Services has had an increase in

requests for rides. Ms. Smith asked if there have been more requests than last year. Ms. Wilson replied they have increased significantly.

b. Senior Trips.

(1) Enrichment Trips. The following enrichment trips are planned: May 13 for lunch to the East Lyme High School Culinary Program with a trip afterwards to Old Saybrook for shopping. The trip fee is \$6 or with only lunch \$3; May 27 to Groton for lunch at the Par 4 Restaurant with a trip to Mystic afterwards for strolling and shopping.

(2) Day/Overnight Trips. The following Day/Overnight trips have been planned: May 14 to The Port of Galilee in Narragansett, RI for a "Day Behind-the-Scenes Tour". Lunch is included for a trip fee of \$78pp; May 28 for a 90 minute Lobster Roll Cruise on Cape Cod Bay, MA to Cod Creamery and Cape Cod Potato Chip Factory. The trip fee is \$86 pp; June 19 to the Newport Flower Show at the Rosecliff Mansion in Newport, RI and on your own to the Wharf area. The trip fee is \$42 pp; July 2 to see "My Fair Lady" at the Theatre by the Sea in Matunuck, RI. Lunch is included for a trip fee of \$80 pp; July 9 All you Can Eat Lobster and musical performance by John Timpanel. The trip fee is \$94pp. August 4 for a guided "Corsets and Top Hats" tour of the Canfield House and the Marble House in Newport, R.I. Mrs. Astor will escort you and provide you with details of High Society living during the Gilded Age. Lunch is included. The trip fee is \$96pp; August 25 to Gloucester, MA on Privateer IV for a seven seas Whale Watch narrated by their outboard naturalist. Before the Whale Watch you'll eat in downtown Gloucester. The trip fee is \$84 pp.

July 4-10 for an Atlantic Canada Tour of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in a private stateroom on the "Nova Star". The cost is \$1,637 pp for a double, \$1567 pp for a triple and \$2,217 for a single; October 12-14 Joseph at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA.; October 30-November 11 for a No Fly Cruise out of Baltimore to the sunny Western Caribbean. This cruise includes two nights in Baltimore with a tour of the U.S. Naval Academy and a Baltimore Ghost Tour on Halloween night. The cost starts at \$1,882 pp and includes taxes. January 28-February 7, 2016 for an 11 day-7 shore excursions fully escorted Hawaiian Cruise starting at \$4,449pp.

c. Programs.

(1) Senior Nutrition Program. Ms. Wilson reported we have not had a TVCCA Site Server since October. Volunteers have been delivering the meals.

(2) Senior Center Programs-Ongoing. Participants are returning now that the weather has improved.

(3) Senior Center Programs – New. Ms. Wilson reported there will be no new Senior Center programs until July 1.

d. Budget - General Fund, Revolving Account. Ms. Wilson reported we will need transfers. Ms. Smith asked if Ms. Wilson felt there is a need to increase fees for programs. Ms. Wilson agreed to look into that.

e. Revenues - General Fund, Revolving Account. Ms. Wilson stated revenues are doing well.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Expenditure from Parahus Account. Ms. Wilson suggested taking \$500 from the Parahus Account for the May 29 90+ Tea and its tenth anniversary.

MOTION: John Whritner moved to expend \$500 from the Parahus Account for expenses for the 90+ Tea and the tenth anniversary of the 90+ Tea. Seconded by Joe Palazzo.
(7-0) Unanimous.

Ms. Wilson discussed with Ron Bence materials needed to be able to move the stage out and then bring it to the hall to be used for seating.

MOTION: Mr. Whritner moved to expend \$500 from the Parahus Account to purchase supplies for the Drama Club. Seconded by John Whritner.
(7-0) Unanimous.

b. Discount for Veterans. This matter was tabled until September.

c. Transportation Documents. Ms. Wilson has included in the transportation policy of Senior Services that no transportation will be provided to anyone that is ill, anyone considered to have a weapon, in the judgment of the driver has objectionable behavior, is smoking, drinking or has drugs. Any individual who is not ready or does not inform Senior Services that they do not need a ride after three times over a six-month period, transportation will be suspended for a month.

d. Update on Beneficiary Situation. Ms. Wilson reported Senior Services has been named as a beneficiary of a Will. Mr. Whritner suggested that the money be in an Endowment Fund. Ms. Harris felt that the funds be easily accessible.

e. Update on Dial a Ride Grant. Ms. Wilson reported North Stonington has been added to this grant. A \$279,000 grant has been received and will be split between all the towns. There are individuals using the transportation Medicaid can provide or can access transportation some place else. We are planning to add a \$25 annual fee. Ms. Harris suggested she let individuals seeking transportation know what the real cost of it is. Ms. Wilson will incorporate it in the annual appeal letter.

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f. Other Pertinent Business. There was no other pertinent old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

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5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: John Whritner moved to adjourn the April 13, 2015 Commission on Aging Special Meeting at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by B.B. Smith. (7-0)
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary