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TOWN CLERK

Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2012

Present: Philip Mountain Also Present: Cathy Wilson
 B. B. Smith Senior Services Coordinator
 Carrie Janus
 Marge Caste
 Ilene Harris

Absent: Mary Broga

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Mountain called the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting of April 9, 2012 to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

b. Delegations. There were no delegations.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2012. Mr. Mountain asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2012.

MOTION: Carrie Janus moved to accept the March 12, 2012 Commission on Aging Minutes, as presented. Seconded by B. B. Smith. Marge Caste and Ilene Harris abstained from voting. (3-0-2) Motion carried

d. Correspondence. Correspondence was made available.

2. STATUS REPORT

a. Transportation. Cathy Wilson informed the Commission that last week the second New London run started, because for the past eight weeks every Monday had a waiting list for transportation. On April 2 there was no waiting list. On April 5 three individuals wanted to go shopping. Today there was no waiting list.

She wrote a letter to Terry Mitchell regarding transportation for AHEPHA residents. She received a response from him; AHEPHA is willing to write a grant application.

All vehicles will have a quarterly evaluation at the Town Garage.

(1) Enrichment Trips. The following enrichment trips are planned: April 11 for lunch on your own at The Lucky Inn in Waterford, with shopping to follow afterwards. The trip fee is \$3.00 and April 25 for lunch on your own at the Caddy Shack II at the Norwich Municipal Golf Course, with shopping to follow afterwards. The trip fee is \$3.00.

(2) COA Sponsored Trips. May 9 for lunch on your own at The Red Lobster in Wethersfield. The trip fee is \$4.00; May 23 for lunch at The Steak Loft and walking around Mystic Village. The trip fee is \$3.00.

(3) Day/Overnight Trips. The following Day Trips are planned: May 3 to Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Newport, R.I. to see "Death of a Don". The trip fee is \$83.00; on May 22 to Charlestown & Cheesecake in Boston, with a Charles River cruise, a guided tour of Cambridge and lunch at the Cheesecake Factory. The trip fee is \$85.00; June 14 for a visit to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, N.Y. with a stop at the Millbrook Vineyard. The trip fee is \$90.00; June 28 to see "The Sound of Music" at Theater by the Sea and on your own in the Village of Wickford. The trip fee is \$58; July 3 Tall Ships & Gray Hulls for the upcoming Harborfest of 2012 in Boston, Massachusetts for a narrated up-close look at more than 30 Tall Ships, with lunch included. The trip fee is \$96; July 8 to see Bernadette Peters at a matinee performance at Tanglewood; July 26 to Newport, R.I. Wine & Sail for a narrated cruise of Newport Harbor and lunch at the Mooring Restaurant with a trip to the Newport Vineyards in the afternoon. The trip fee is \$96; August 7 for Highlights of the Hudson to enjoy the Walkway Over the Hudson, the longest pedestrian bridge in the world and for a Hudson River Cruise. The trip fee is \$90; August 23 to Rockport and Gloucester to shop and for a bite to eat. The trip fee is \$40.

June 19-21 to Cape Cod/Nantucket Island at a cost of \$399 per person for double occupancy; August 9-10 to Lake George and Saratoga Race Track for a cost of \$275 per person double occupancy; September 8-19 to National Parks of America (Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Yellowstone National Park and Mount Rushmore) for a cost of \$3,829 per person to \$4,879 per person; September 25-26 to Amish Country and the Millennium Theater production of "Jonah". The trip fee is \$279 per person for double occupancy; January 27-February 5, 2013 for an Eastern Caribbean Cruise on the Norwegian Gem. Prices range from \$1,319 to \$1,669; March 7-20, 2013 to The Plains of Africa-Kenya Wildlife Safari. Prices start at \$7,199 per person; April 19-May 1, 2013 for the Best of Portugal including the Islands. Prices begin at \$3,969.

c. Programs.

(1) Senior Nutrition Program. Starting April 16 all meals for the dining room and Meals-on-Wheels will be freshly made by TVCCA. Ilene Harris asked if more

individuals are taking advantage of these meals? Ms. Wilson replied Meals-on-Wheels are declining. The dining room has increased slightly.

She met with East Lyme High School's food service to see if the Senior Center could order food through them, hopefully to get better prices for food. The Business Manager was supportive of this idea.

(2) Senior Center Programs-Ongoing. Ms. Wilson reported the ongoing programs are doing fine.

(3) Senior Center Programs – New. Line dancing will begin next week.

d. Budget. The budget is doing fine.

e. Revenues. Revenues are doing ok.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Budget Request FY 2013. Ms. Wilson reported the Commission on Aging budget request for fiscal year 2013 has remained in tact.

b. Volunteer Recognition Event. TVCCA will work with Ms. Wilson on the Volunteer Recognition event. It is expected to be scheduled in June.

c. Vacancy on the Board. Ms. Wilson asked Commission members for recommendations. B. B. Smith stated David Scanlon of the Dime Bank has indicated an interest.

e. Other Pertinent Business. There was no other pertinent business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Donation from TVCCA. Ms. Wilson reported she received a check from TVCCA for energy assistance in the amount of \$4,000 and deposited it into the Parahus Account.

b. Celebrate 90+ Tea. The 90+ Tea will be held on May 11 at 1 p.m. Invitations have been sent out.

c. Other Pertinent Business. There was no other pertinent business.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.