

**EAST LYME COMMISSION ON AGING
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th, 2015**

Present: Philip Mountain, Chairman, Marge Caste, Ilene Harris, Joe Palazzo,
B.B. Smith

Also Present: Cathy Wilson, Senior Services Coordinator

Absent: Joan Bengtson, John Whritner

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1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Mountain called the Commission on Aging Special Meeting of February 17, 2015 to order at 5:00 PM.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

b. Delegations

Mr. Mountain called for delegations.

There were no delegations.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2015

Mr. Mountain called for any additions, deletions or corrections to the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2015.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Palazzo moved to approve the January 12, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Commission on Aging as presented.

Ms. Caste seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

d. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

2. STATUS REPORT

a. Transportation

Ms. Wilson reported that she is in the process of writing the grant for Dial-A-Ride and that they are asking Preston to join them. The total would be for \$275,000. The amount of the grant has not gone up although ridership has gone up. Rather than sometimes utilizing Curtin Delivery they are looking to broker through ECTC for a car and driver or to charge a \$25 annual membership fee for the service. They will be asking the DOT if they can do this as they have people who sign up and hold a spot but who sometimes do not utilize it and they cannot give it to someone who may need it more and who would use it as they have maxed out their numbers for members. While the Dial-A-Ride grant is not specific as to how it can be used, they like to utilize it here for medical help as there are people who really need it for medical appointments.

Ms. Caste asked about the number of rides per person.

Ms. Wilson said that there are 12 round trips or 24 one-way rides. She noted that the grant needs to be submitted by March 27, 2015. She also reported that driving during the constant snow that we have been getting has been rough but they have been doing what they can.

b. Senior Trips

(1) Enrichment Trips – Ms. Wilson reported that the following trips:

On Wednesday March 11 they will take a trip to The Fisherman Restaurant in Noank. Trip fee is \$4.

On Wednesday March 25 they will take a luncheon trip to Buon Appetito Ristorante & Pizzeria in North Stonington. Trip fee is \$4.

(2) Day/Overnight Trips – Ms. Wilson reported on the following upcoming day trips:

April 9, 2015 – Mohegan Sun with the Lymes Senior Center (pick-up in EL) - Trip fee \$20.

April 16, 2015 – Westchester Broadway Theater – West Side Story – lunch included. Trip fee is \$99. Registration has begun.

April 25, 2015 – New York City on you own – leaves EL at 7:45AM and NYC at 6:30 PM. Trip fee is \$45. Registration has begun. Lots of walking.

May 14, 2015 – Port of Galilee in Narragansett, RI – ‘Life of a Fisherman’ behind the scenes tour; Point Judith Lighthouse. Lunch included. Trip fee is \$78. Registration has begun. Moderate walking.

May 28, 2015 – Lobster Roll Cruise on Cape Cod Bay in MA – also Cape Cod Creamery and Cape Cod Potato Chip Factory. Lunch included. Trip fee is \$86. Registration has begun. Moderate walking.

June 19, 2015 – Newport Flower Show at Rosecliff Mansion – 20th Anniversary, Lunch on your own in the Wharf area. Trip fee is \$42. Registration begins March 2nd. Walking.

July 2, 2015 – ‘My Fair Lady’ at Theater by the Sea in Matunuck, RI. Lunch included. Trip fee is \$80. Registration begins April 1st. Minimal walking.

July 9, 2015 – All You Can Eat Lobster and Musical Performance by John Timpanelli at The Delaney House in Holyoke, MA. Trip fee is \$94. Registration begins April 1st. Minimal walking.

Upcoming overnight trips:

May 26-28, 2015 – 2 night trip to Victorian Williamsport, PA in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. \$411pp double/twin. \$511 single. Registration has begun.

July 4-10, 2015 – Atlantic Canada Tour of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. 5 nights hotel and 1 night in private stateroom on the ‘Nova Star’. \$1637pp double. \$1567pp triple. \$2217pp single. Registration has begun.

October 12-14, 2015 – Joseph at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theater in Lancaster, PA. 2 night stay at the Crown Plaza Hotel. \$475pp double. \$450pp triple. \$550pp single. Registration has begun.

October 30-November 11, 2015 – No fly cruise out of Baltimore to the Sunny Western Caribbean. Two nights in Baltimore with a tour of the US Naval Academy and a Baltimore Ghost Tour on Halloween Night. Starting at \$1882pp includes taxes. Registration has begun.

January 28-February 7, 2016 – Fully escorted Hawaiian Cruise – 11 days – 7 shore excursions included. Starting at \$4449pp. Registration has begun.

c. Programs

- (1) Senior Nutrition Program** – Ms. Wilson reported that she was busy cleaning the kitchen when an inspector came to do an inspection. She said that they received a 96 on the inspection. She said that she was also speaking with Chartwells regarding the freezer that they want to get to hold items for the events that they sponsor. They are also working on a site server replacement and the Bistro program.
- (2) Senior Center Programs - Ongoing** – Ms. Wilson reported that the programs are going well and they are working on tabulating the survey results and making some future changes most likely after the weather breaks in the spring.
- (3) Senior Center Programs - New** – Ms. Wilson reported that the African drumming class is ending this week and that it has been a great success. She will be looking at changes and new programs for the April time frame.

d. Budget – General Fund, Revolving Account

Ms. Wilson reported that they are doing well and at this time there are no issues.

e. Revenues – General Fund, Revolving Account

Ms. Wilson reported that this is doing okay also.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Budget Review for FY 15/16

Ms. Wilson reported that she had her meeting with Mr. Nickerson regarding the budget and that they are looking to hold the line on the budget. The budget she presented was for \$259,002 showing a slight increase.

b. Potential Job Description for New Position

Ms. Wilson said that she was looking for a Program Coordinator to replace the position that would be left when Gail retires. This position would work on programs, volunteers and fundraising among other things. She will see how this goes as the budget season continues.

c. Potential Fundraising Walk/Run

Ms. Wilson said that there is a decent amount of work that would have to be done with this and that she has a check list.

Ms. Caste noted that there are a lot of these events that sometimes are at the same time so they would have to carefully plan it. She also asked if the Big Band event on February 27, 2015 is a fundraiser.

Ms. Wilson said that this was supposed to be however not that many tickets have been sold in advance, so they are hoping to sell them at the door.

d. Other Pertinent Business

There was none.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discount for Veterans

Ms. Wilson said that Ms. Bengtson wanted to discuss this but could not be here this evening. They would need to know how this would be classified and who it would apply to. They can discuss this further at their next meeting.

b. Potential Donation to Senior Center

Ms. Wilson said that she was notified that they are being left some money (Parahus Account) in a will and that it could potentially be a considerable amount. She has a meeting on February 26, 2015 to find out the details. Four agencies were left money from this estate.

c. Other Pertinent Business

There was none.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION (2)**

Ms. Smith moved to adjourn the Commission on Aging Special Meeting of February 17, 2015 at 5:53 PM.

Ms. Harris seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary, Pro-tem