

Commission on Aging Special Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2015

Present: Philip Mountain
Joe Palazzo
Joan Bengtson
B. B. Smith

Absent: John Whritner
Ilene Harris
Marge Caste

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Cathy Wilson
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Also Present: Cathy Wilson, Senior Services Coordinator

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Mountain called the Commission on Aging Special Meeting of March 9, 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 - February 17, 2015. Mr. Mountain asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Commission on Aging Special Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Palazzo moved to approve the February 17, 2015 Commission on Aging Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by B. B. Smith. Ms. Bengtson abstained from voting. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

- d. Correspondence. There was no correspondence.

2. STATUS REPORT

- a. Transportation. Ms. Wilson reported all vehicles will need quarterly maintenance at the Town Garage.

Her regular part-time driver will be away for six weeks. The two part-time drivers will cover while he is away.

There are more individuals seeking transportation with appliances, are unable to use the steps or they have mental health issues. As a result it takes additional time to deliver the services and more effort in the office to manage it. Ms. Smith asked if this is

an issue with ice on the ground. Ms. Wilson felt they usually cancel if there is ice on the ground. Legisticare may be available for individuals on Medicaid.

b. Senior Trips.

(1) Enrichment Trips. The following enrichment trips are planned: April 8 for lunch to the East Lyme High School Culinary Program with a trip afterwards to Salem Country Gardens. The trip fee is \$6 or with only lunch \$3; March 25 to Rein's Deli in Manchester for lunch, followed by a visit to the Promenade Shops at the Evergreen Walk in South Windsor. The trip fee is \$4.

(2) Day/Overnight Trips. The following Day/Overnight trips have been planned: On April 9 we join the Lymes' Senior Center for a trip to Mohegan Sun. No meal is included. The trip fee is \$20 pp; April 16 to the Westchester Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, NY to see "West Side Story". Lunch is included. The trip fee is \$99 pp; April 25 to New York City on your own. No meal is included. The trip fee is \$45 pp; 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 \$78; 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 \$94.

May 26-28 for two nights in Victorian Williamsport, PA in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains for a "Day in the Life of a Fisherman" \$411 for a double/twin room and \$511 for a single room; 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.

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.

The Lions Club is willing to donate \$1,800 towards a new freezer for the Senior Center. Additional funds can come out of Parahus Account.

MOTION: Mr. Palazzo moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$500 from the Parahus Account to supplement the donation from the Lions Club for a freezer for the Senior Center.

Seconded by Ms. Bengtson. (4-0) Unanimous.

(2) Senior Center Programs-Ongoing. Ms. Wilson reported we had a successful dance with a 15 piece orchestra that 114 individuals attended on February 27. We had a dance on March 6 with the Illusions band that 65 individuals attended.

Pickleball continues to be very popular.

The Drama group is also doing well.

(3) Senior Center Programs – New. Ms. Wilson reported we have had an offer to have a juggling class.

d. Budget - General Fund, Revolving Account. Ms. Wilson reported we will need transfers to Program Supplies.

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

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. Budget Review for FY 15/16. The Board of Selectmen accepted our budget as presented. The Board of Finance will hold its budget hearing on our budget on March 16 at 6 p.m. at East Lyme Town Hall.

b. Potential Job Description for New Position. Ms. Wilson reported she is requesting a Senior Center Program Coordinator and upgrading a position to Senior Services Associate. Both positions are union positions.

MOTION: Mr. Palazzo moved to approve the job descriptions for Senior Center Program Coordinator and Senior Services Associate as presented. Seconded by B. B. Smith. (4-0) Unanimous.

c. Potential Fundraising Walk/Run. This matter will be revisited next year.

d. Discount for Veterans. Ms. Bengtson suggested offering a discount to veterans of 10% for dances or luncheons. The veterans would need to show a veterans ID card. This matter will be further discussed at the April Meeting.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Transportation Documents. Commission members reviewed draft FAQs Transportation Services Provided by the East Lyme Senior Center.

Ms. Smith felt Senior Services should give a rider a second chance before an individual is denied transportation. If an individual is in possession of a weapon it was agreed there would be no second chance. Ms. Palazzo felt if an individual is late during a six month period three times or did not inform the office of cancellation of a scheduled ride, they should be denied transportation for one month. Ms. Smith felt these individuals should be put on written notice. This item will be further discussed at the April meeting.

b. Update on Beneficiary Situation. Ms. Wilson informed the Commission that Senior Services was named as a beneficiary of Will. She met with the Probate Court on February 26. The Will was admitted to probate. She expects to know by fall how much Senior Services will receive.

c. Update on Dial a Ride Grant. Ms. Wilson reported we are in the process of writing this grant which is due the end of March. Because the Town of Groton is fiduciary and a woman embezzled money and agreed to pay restitution, our grant will be reduced by \$10,000. North Stonington is being asked to join the nine other towns.

d. Other Pertinent Business. Ms. Wilson reported she will be on vacation starting on March 21 and will return on April 6.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Bengtson moved to adjourn the March 9, 2015 Commission on Aging Special Meeting at 6:10 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Palazzo. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary