Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes May 11, 2015

Present:

Philip Mountain

Joe Palazzo
B. B. Smith
Ilene Harris
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Absent:

Joan Bengtson

John Whritner

Also Present: Cathy Wilson, Senior Services Coordinator

Rose Ann Hardy. Ex officio

1. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Chairman Mountain called the Commission on Aging Regular Meeting of May 11, 2015 to order at 5:00 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- b. <u>Delegations</u>. There were no delegations.
- c. <u>Approval of Meeting Minutes April 13, 2015.</u> Mr. Mountain asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the Commission on Aging Special Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2015.

The following correction was noted: On page 3, under a., the second motion was seconded by Joe Palazzo.

MOTION:

Ilene Harris moved to approve the April 13,

2015 Commission on Aging Special Meeting Minutes,

as amended. Seconded by Joe Palazzo. (5-0)

Unanimous.

d. <u>Correspondence</u>. There was no correspondence.

2. STATUS REPORT

a. <u>Transportation.</u> Ms. Wilson reported her full time driver is back from vacation. During his vacation coverage went well.

She stated transportation is very busy. She distributed a schedule of normal transportation. She added we are trying to manage transportation, but another driver may be needed.

Ms. Wilson reported she was visited by a representative of Seaspray Condo Association who informed her they have a no honk policy and she will receive a letter informing her of this policy.

She also has a driver who decorates her visor and a passenger asked that it be removed. Ms. Wilson contacted DOT enclosing a photo of it, and was informed as long as the driver is not distracted by it can be done.

b. Senior Trips.

- (1) <u>Enrichment Trips.</u> The following enrichment trips are planned: June 17 for lunch at the Yantic River Inn for a trip fee of \$3; June 24 to On the Rocks at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam for lunch for a trip fee of \$3pp.
- (2) <u>Day/Overnight Trips</u>. The following Day/Overnight trips have been planned: 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; September 10 to Boston on your own for a trip fee of \$45pp; September 27 for a guided riding tour of Harlem, NY with a special tour of the Apollo Theatre with lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant. The trip fee is \$119; December 2 for a trip to Radio City Music Hall for their Christmas Spectacular for a trip fee of \$145.

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 to Joseph at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA for a two night stay at the Crown Plaza Hotel at a cost of \$475pp double; \$450pp double and \$450pp triple and \$550 pp single; and January 28-February 7, 2016 for a fully escorted Hawaiian Cruise 11 day-7 shore excursions starting at \$4,449pp.

c. Programs.

- (1) <u>Senior Nutrition Program.</u> Ms. Wilson reported Robin Haney of Waterford is our new TVCCA Site Server. Our congregate numbers are increasing. We have lost \$374 in the Bistro program.
- (2) <u>Senior Center Programs-Ongoing.</u> The East Lyme Players production of the Mouse Trap will take place on Friday. Lunch will be included. The Celebrate 90+ Tea will be held on May 29.

- (3) <u>Senior Center Programs New.</u> Ms. Wilson reported the Live Well Program will discuss Diabetes Management. Nine individuals are interested in it. It will begin next week for six weeks.
- d. <u>Budget General Fund, Revolving Account.</u> Ms. Wilson informed the Commission her Payroll Account for Instructors will need a transfer into it. She distributed information on how much is being charged for classes and how often the program runs. B. B. Smith suggested increasing the cost for participants. She asked is their a program that is not being utilized enough to continue? Ms. Wilson stated there are.
- e. <u>Revenues General Fund, Revolving Account.</u> Ms. Wilson stated revenues are doing better than anticipated.

3. OLD BUSINESS

a. <u>Expenditure from Parahus Account.</u> Ms. Wilson informed the Commission that an additional \$300 is needed for staging supplies for the Drama Club.

MOTION:

Joe Palazzo moved to expend an additional \$300 from the Parahus Account to purchase supplies for the Drama Club. Seconded by Ms. Harris. (5-0) Unanimous.

- b. <u>Transportation Documents.</u> Ms. Wilson reported she has revised the Transportation Policy to include this Commission's suggestions. She will forward it to the Board of Selectmen and the insurance company.
- c. <u>Update on Dial a Ride Grant.</u> Ms. Wilson reported the need for transportation has been so great that rides cannot be provided for May and June. We are considering only mileage reimbursement to the individual who is willing to provide rides, or instituting a membership fee of \$25.

The total grant is expected to be \$270,451.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Regional Senior Center Building. Periodically we meet with other senior centers. We are trying to put together a regional blog where the ten senior centers will post information. We will each have a section with ad space to pay the cost, create and maintain it. First Selectman Mark Nickerson would like an MOU. There will be no financial obligation for the Town. We are working with Maria Moranda who is well respected in the business community. Ms. Smith asked how does the revenue work?

Ms. Wilson replied we will receive funds from our advertising space, but we can choose not to sell advertising space.

a. Other Pertinent Business. There was no other pertinent new business.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no public discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Joe Palazzo moved to adjourn the May 11, 2015 Commission on Aging Regular Meeting at 5:45 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Harris. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary