

# COMMISSION ON AGING

## Minutes

May 1, 2017

**Present:** Eva Bowden, Catherine Lawlor,  
Janeen Dolan, Denise Weeks, Rosemary Hokanson, Ernest Reale

**Excused:**

**Absent:** John DiSette

**Liaisons Present:**

Gerrie Bishop, AARP Liaison  
Patti White, Senior Center Program Supervisor

**Liaisons Excused:** Durlene Mikkelson, Director of Human Services

**Liaisons Absent:**

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

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**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meetings held on March 6, 2017 were accepted as written.

**COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**LIAISON REPORTS:** None

**AARP:** Gerrie Bishop reported that the group had a good April meeting with entertainment. The AARP Tax Aid program completed its season successfully.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** None.

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

Patti White updated the group on the activities of the department. (Report attached)

A discussion ensued about the pt. time staff replacement for the Social Services Outreach Supervisor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Rosemary presented a list of objectives to help guide the Commission's presentation to the AARP General Membership at their upcoming meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will ask for their endorsement of the AARP Age-Friendly Community application and explain what will be expected of the group as the process unfolds.

Eva informed the members of the Commission that the Re-accreditation is moving forward but has been somewhat delayed due to staffing shortages.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Denise Weeks, Acting Secretary

Department of Human Services

Commission on Aging Report

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**Senior Center Program Highlights:**

Close to 200 seniors attended the annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon which was rescheduled from March 17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> due to the March mega snowstorm.

In April, approximately 40 seniors enjoyed a trip to Westchester, New York for a luncheon and the Broadway show, Mama Mia.

Over 50 people are signed up to go to the New York Botanical Gardens trip in May as well as the Tall Ships trip in Boston in June.

We have ordered our new bus which will be a Hybrid (Electric/Gas) vehicle at a cost of \$89,000+. The State DOT 5310 grant will pay \$52,400 of that cost.

Sign-ups are going very well for the July 25<sup>th</sup> Block Island trip.

**Upcoming Events/Trips:**

The Volunteer Recognition event will be held on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Creative Experiences Peter Pan Players will present Cinderella at the RCC on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:45 pm.

A new Senior Choral group will begin on Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Netflix Series “The Crown” will be shown on Tuesday evenings starting May 9<sup>th</sup>.

In May we will have two special luncheons; a celebration of Older Americans Month on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> and a Memorial Day in-door picnic on Thursday May 25.

**Personnel:**

Our new Dial-A-Ride driver was hired and began working on April 21. His name is Ylber Kurti.

HR is in the process of finalizing the hiring of the Food Assistant replacement for Michelle Veilleux.

Recruitment for a 25 hour-a-week Customer Service worker has been posted with a deadline of May 5<sup>th</sup>. Once this position is filled, Nicole Mercer will move to a back office and will have the responsibility of doing the department’s payroll, the financials and other office related matters that Jane Peters did in the past. This move includes a new job title of Administrative Secretary and an increase in pay.