

**COMMISSION ON AGING**

**March 18, 2019**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Rosemary Hokanson, Jennifer DiSette, Daren Hill, Janeen Dolan

**Excused:** Nancy Goodwin

**Absent:**

**Liaisons Present:** Gerrie Bishop, AARP Liaison  
Lisa Zerio, Parks & Recreation Director  
Patti White, Senior Services Department Supervisor

**Liaisons Excused:**

**Liaisons Absent:**

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

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**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the special meetings held on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> were accepted as written.

**Election of Officers:**

A motion was made by Daren Hill to nominate Rosemary Hokanson as Chairman of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Janeen Dolan. Motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Rosemary Hokanson to nominate Daren Hill as Vice-Chairman of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Jennifer DiSette. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Rosemary informed the members of feedback that she had received regarding the AARP Livable Survey through the Age-Friendly email site.

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

**AARP:** Gerrie Bishop reported that the chapter was working on two upcoming fundraisers including a trip to a casino and a proceeds sharing fundraiser at the 99 House.

**HUMAN SERVICES REPORT:**

Patti White updated the group on the activities of the Senior Services department, highlighting the large response to the upcoming grant funded Tai Ji Quan Moving for Better Balance series scheduled to start in April. Patti also reported that approximately 190 seniors attended the St. Pat's Day luncheon and that the 3<sup>rd</sup> series of the Aging Mastery program was going well.

Lisa Zerio informed the members that based on program and funding considerations, the Senior Services and Social Services departments would now be part of the town Parks & Recreation Department.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Rosemary and Patti updated the group on the latest developments with the Age-Friendly Livable Communities initiative. Rosemary stated that an article explaining the initiative would be in the Glastonbury Life in April and in the Citizen the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>. Patti reported on the meeting she attended in Greenwich with the AARP Age-Friendly representative and the other 3 towns in Connecticut undertaking the effort. She stated that each of the communities is in a different stage of development and that AARP may be able to do the analysis of Glastonbury's on-line survey responses.

Darren Hill updated the members on the status of the stakeholder's list and asked the members to review and add any additional contact information that they may have.

The group discussed the questions raised by the Glastonbury Education Foundation in response to the Letter of Intent submitted in March. Patti will incorporate their feedback into the full application which is due on April 1.

The group decided to attend the April 9<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting to invite the council members to the May 16<sup>th</sup> Community Forum and to ask them for a champion of the Age-Friendly initiative.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer DiSette, Acting Secretary

