

COMMISSION ON AGING

May 6, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rosemary Hokanson, Jennifer DiSette, Daren Hill,
Gayle Kataja, Philip Markuszka

Excused: Nancy Goodwin, Janeen Dolan

Absent:

Liaisons Present: Lisa Zerio, Parks & Recreation Director
Patti White, Senior Services Department Supervisor

Liaisons Excused:

Liaisons Absent: Gerrie Bishop, AARP Liaison

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the special meeting held on April 1, 2019 were amended to correct the spelling of Gayle Kataja's first name. The minutes were then accepted as amended.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Philip Markuszka was introduced and welcomed by all as a new member of the Commission.

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

Rosemary also informed the members that Denise Weeks, former chair of the commission, sent a card to the group thanking them for their well wishes.

LIAISON REPORTS

AARP: None.

SENIOR SERVICES REPORT:

Lisa Zerio and Patti White updated the COA members on the activities of the department.

Patti reported that the TJQMBB class has a core group of 15 attendees and that the Aging Mastery Program concluded with a graduation ceremony on April 3rd which Lisa and Patti attended and presented diplomas.

Lisa informed the members that efforts were underway to do more joint programming between Senior Services and Parks & Rec, and that she is looking at ways to increase use of space at the RCC.

OLD BUSINESS:

Age-Friendly Livable Communities Initiative

Grants Update – Members of the Glastonbury Education Foundation Distribution Committee attended the meeting to ask members of the Commission questions regarding the Town’s grant application to fund a consultant to support the work of the Age-Friendly Community Initiative.

Report on April 9th Town Council Presentation – Rosemary updated the members on her presentation to the town council and stated that Richard Johnson has agreed to be the champion of the initiative for the town.

Survey Status/Outreach/Marketing- Patti reported that 86 surveys had been received. The group discussed additional outreach ideas including outreach at the library, real estate offices and churches.

Stakeholders List/Outreach/Marketing- Rosemary presented the revised stakeholder email letter and Patti stated that she will get the distribution list created and email sent.

May 16th Community Event Planning – the group discussed plans for the event. Everyone agreed to wear red and try to bring at least 10 people to the forum.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer DiSette, Acting Secretary

