

## COMMISSION ON AGING

October 7, 2019

### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Daren Hill, Nancy Goodwin, Jennifer DiSette,  
Philip Markuszka, Gayle Kataja

**Excused:** Rosemary Hokanson, Janeen Dolan

**Absent:**

**Liaisons Present:** Patti White, Senior Services Department Supervisor  
Lisa Zerio, Parks & Rec Director  
Gerrie Bishop & Barbara Evans, AARP

**Liaisons Absent:**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

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### **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2019 were accepted as written.

### **COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Patti reported on behalf of Rosemary Hokanson the following email communications:

Jeffrey Stein of Bike Walk Glastonbury thanked the COA members for their attendance at their last meeting and stated that he is looking forward to working with the Age-Friendly Initiative.

Deborah Eisenberg invited the COA representatives to speak about the Age-Friendly initiative at their December 9<sup>th</sup> Rotary Club meeting.

Denise Weeks recommended that members of the COA attend the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the local AARP chapter to encourage them to complete the AARP survey.

Rosemary sent Age-Friendly flier to Melinda Smith at the Friends of Glastonbury Library to distribute to their members. No COA presentation is scheduled at this time.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

**AARP:** Gerrie Bishop and Barbara Evans, AARP Vice-President, reported on AARP's many fundraising efforts for town charities, including the town's Social Services programs and the Glastonbury High School Scholarship Fund.

**SENIOR SERVICES REPORT:**

Patti White and Lisa Zerio updated the members on the recent activities and services provided by the center including but not limited to the following highlights; 1. The Matter of Balance program started and has a waitlist, 2. The department's health fair will be scheduled for April 2020, 3. Staff is continuing research on programs matching volunteers to help seniors with needs in their homes, 4. Lunch and Learn topics this month include: Influenza, Fire prevention, Lymphedema, Meet the Municipal Candidates, CT Transit ADA service and the Glastonbury High School Treble Choir.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Age-Friendly Livable Communities Initiative**

**Survey Status/Outreach/Marketing**

Patti reported that 225 surveys had been received. Members reported on their respective survey outreach and outcomes.

COA members in attendance agreed to continue their outreach efforts to obtain surveys. Nancy Goodwin passed out a sign-up sheet for members to solicit surveys at the library.

Darren will attend the AARP meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer and Darren will work at the town booth at the Apple Fest on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 12-5.

The group agreed to stop collecting surveys on October 25<sup>th</sup> and do the drawing on that day.

**Stakeholders List/Outreach/Marketing**

Jennifer and Rosemary will attend the Rotary Club meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Consultant RFP – Next Steps**

Lisa reported that 3 firms had submitted proposals and that a recommendation had been made. Lisa stated that the next phase of the procurement process will hopefully be finalized by the end of the week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer DiSette, Acting Secretary

