

COMMISSION ON AGING

November 4, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Rosemary Hokanson, Janeen Dolan, Darren Hill, Nancy Goodwin, Jennifer DiSette,

Excused: Philip Markuszka, Gayle Kataja

Absent:

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

Liaisons Absent:

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

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2019 were accepted as written.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rosemary Hokanson reported that she had received a communication from Bruce Bowman of the Talk group in Glastonbury. They are interested in working together with the Age-Friendly initiative. Rosemary will reach out to Bruce to follow up with him.

Denise Weeks sent the COA an email regarding an article in the Hartford courant about funding for a "Bike Boulevard Streets" proposal in Hartford.

LIAISON REPORTS

AARP: Barbara Evans, AARP Vice-President, reported that the group's board will be meeting on Tuesday November 5th.

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 and Tai Chi Quan programs are going very well with full attendance. 2. Patti and Lisa met with the staff of the Chores program in Hebron and www.urcommunitycares.com and are continuing to assess the best model for Glastonbury. 3. The holiday health fair will be held on April 8 2020. It will

include an afternoon component focused on seniors and an evening segment for the broader community. 4. The Volunteer recognition date has been set for April 21, 2020. 5. The annual Veterans Day Luncheon will be held on Thursday November 7.

Lisa reported that she has been working on the budget for the department. Next steps include budget reviews with the Finance department and town manager.

OLD BUSINESS:

Age-Friendly Livable Communities Initiative

Consultant presentation

Rosemary informed the commission members about the consultant selection process and discussions thus far between town staff and Thomas Phillips, TL Phillips Consulting Services, the chosen bidder.

Thomas Phillips gave a general overview of his approach to the project and outlined next steps including a preliminary mission statement/value proposition and work plan.

The members set a date of February 13, 2020 for a Community Conversation to be held.

Survey Status/Analysis plan

Patti reported that the current number of returned surveys is 292.

Lisa reported that she found a student volunteer to input the survey data into Survey Monkey. The commission set a goal of having the surveys done by the end of November.

Stakeholders List –Core Leadership

The commission members agreed to identify key sectors/demographics to solicit representatives from to be on the core leadership team, and report back at the January meeting. The group discussed the process for moving forward and the need for all recommendations to be brought back to the Commission and Town Manager through the department staff.

NEW BUSINESS: The next meeting of the Commission was set for Monday January 13.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer DiSette, Acting Secretary

