

# COMMISSION ON AGING

June 22, 2020

## Special Meeting Minutes

The Glastonbury Commission on Aging held a Special Meeting via Zoom video conferencing.

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

**Absent:** Nancy Goodwin.

**Liaisons Present:** Lisa Zerio, Parks & Recreation Director  
Barbara Evans, AARP

**Others present:** Thomas Phillips, Consultant  
Sandy Rodriguez, Consultant

**Liaisons Absent:** Patti White, Senior Services Department Supervisor

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

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### **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the May 11 minutes were approved as written.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Rosemary Hokanson announced that she is moving out of town and will need to resign from the Commission as rules state that members must reside in the Town of Glastonbury.

### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Barbara Evans reported that all AARP programs have been suspended due to COVID-19 until further notice

### **SENIOR SERVICES REPORT:**

Lisa reported on what the town's response has been to assist residents during the Coronavirus pandemic which included:

- Distributed 1211 masks to approximately 446 households to date
- Continuing to distribute food gift cards to families/individuals in need weekly
- Obtaining over \$60,000 in donations from the community to help residents in need
- Opening Renter's Rebate which will be challenging since Social Workers cannot meet clients in person, as there is a lot of paperwork involved
- Will begin to work on Back to School and Holiday Programs

The June/July Sharing Tree is out, and the Seniors are very appreciative. Virtual programs are going well and include Lifelong Learning, Current Issues, Italian, Knitting, Book Discussions, Tai ji Quan, Bingo, Movies, Facebook chats, and the golf league will be starting up soon.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Age Friendly Focus Group Meetings Update**

Tom Phillips reported on the results of the Housing Authority Focus Group held on 6/8/20 and the Youth Focus Group held on 6/16/20. The Business Focus Group has not been held as of yet due to not getting a big response for participation. Will reach back out and schedule a meeting for July.

#### **Core Leadership Team Next Steps**

The Core Leadership Team **tentative** meeting schedule - 7/23, 8/20, 9/10. CLT to present to Commission on Aging at their 9/14 regularly scheduled meeting

CLT to present to the Town Council-9/22- Present the 3 priorities and recommendations- receive feedback from Town Council

CLT to continue to work on action plan from feedback given, and final presentation at a December/January Town Council Meeting

#### **Action Plan Timeline Update-**

Motion made by Daren Hill, seconded by Jennifer DiSette to approve the timeline of the Action Plan as discussed. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion made by Janeen Dolan seconded by Daren Hill for Jennifer DiSette to replace Rosemary Hokanson as chair of the Core Leadership Team with Gayle Kataja as co-chair.

The Commission members all wished Rosemary Hokanson well and thanked her for her

dedication, commitment and for being an advocate for not only the Age Initiative, Commission on Aging, but also for the community as a whole. Friendly

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daren Hill Acting Secretary

