

COMMISSION ON AGING

November 16, 2020

Special Meeting Minutes

Via ZOOM

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

Absent:

Liaisons Present: Patti White, Senior Services Department Supervisor
Thomas Phillips, Consultant

Meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meetings held on September 14, 2020 were accepted as written.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LIAISON REPORTS

SENIOR SERVICES REPORT:

Patti White updated the members on the recent virtual activities and services provided by the department. Patti stated that Dial-A-Ride is now being offered for medical needs only on a limited case-by case basis and that efforts were being considered to safely offer the AARP Tax Aid program in 2021 with a minimal contact structure.

Patti also reported that the Social Services and Parks and Recreation Departments were organizing holiday programs differently this year to ensure the safety of all participants.

OLD BUSINESS:

Age-Friendly Livable Communities Initiative

Jennifer DiSette updated the members on the outcome of the Age-Friendly Core Leadership Team's meetings over the course of the summer, followed by Thomas Phillips presenting a slide show on the Age-Friendly Domains of Livability priorities and recommendations that were generated by the CLT in the areas of Housing, Transportation and Open Space and Buildings.

Thomas also reviewed the proposed action plan outline for the members review and feedback.

A motion made by Gayle Kataja to approve of the Domains of Livability recommendations and action plan outline as put forth by the Age-Friendly Core Leadership Team sub-committees. Motion seconded by Daren Hill. Motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer and Thomas informed the members that the next steps would include presenting the slideshow to the Core Leadership Team at its November 19th meeting and then submitting it to the town manager for review and feedback.

Ronald LeGray from the public offered supportive comments on the status of the Putnam bridge walkway as well as the multi-use connecting trail between House Street and Western Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daren Hill, Acting Secretary