

COMMISSION ON AGING

May 2 2022

Minutes

Present: Gayle Kataja, Denise Weeks, Philip Markuszka, Beth Hillson, Susan Pearlman

Liaisons Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks and Recreation
Patti White, Senior Services Program Supervisor

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2022 were accepted as written.

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Commission received an email from Jeff Stein of Bike Walk Glastonbury expressing appreciation of the group's support of enhanced safety measures for pedestrians and cyclists as part of the reconstruction of a core section of Main Street. The email also included a request for a member of the Commission to attend their next meeting on May 12th 8am via zoom.

LIAISON REPORTS: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Lisa and Patti fielded questions on the information contained in their written departmental reports.

Phil Markuszka asked if Food Bank requests were rising and offered to talk with the members of the Rotary Club to help with a food collection. Lisa informed the group that she would have more information next month regarding when collections would be most helpful based on the timeline for construction of the new food bank location.

Susan Pearlman asked who would maintain the raised bed gardens adjacent to the community center that will be constructed by an Eagle Scout. Lisa informed the group that the Senior Services staff would maintain the gardens along with community volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Age-Friendly Community Initiative

Based on a potential scheduling conflict the group decided to tentatively reschedule the June 6th date of the COA/CLT Age-Friendly meeting to June 27th to ensure maximum participation.

A discussion was held about the format/agenda of the joint meeting

The group decided to hold the meeting in person at the Riverfront Community Center with the following tentative agenda:

1. Update on AFC Action Plan

- History of Initiative/Feedback from AARP
- Review of Three Domains Action Steps/Six Month Implementation Table
- Town Funding for AFC Initiative
- AARP/NCAA grant applications

2. Process for The Initiative Moving Forward:

- Continued Joint Meetings on Three Domains- How often
- Separate Sub-committees on Individual Domains-How often
- Hybrid/Other

3. Informing the Public

- Community Meeting in late fall
- Regular Press Releases/Newsletter
- Other

Gayle said she will contact Jennifer DiSette to let her know of the proposed change in date of the joint meeting to June 27th and asked Patti to send a notice to the CLT members regarding the proposed change.

Road Safety Improvements

The group reviewed a draft letter to Bike Walk Glastonbury and made some revisions. Gayle Kataja agreed to attend the Bike Walk Glastonbury Meeting on May 12th at 8:00 am via zoom. Patti will send the letter out with revisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan raised a concern about excessive pot holes in the High street and Tryon street area. Lisa stated that she would reach out the Town Engineering department to inform them of the concern.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti White, Acting Secretary