

Commission on Aging

January 9, 2023

Minutes

Present: Gayle Kataja, Denise Weeks, Susan Pearlman, Jennifer DiSette, Beth Hillson, Chris Haaf.

Liaisons: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks and Recreation

Patti White, Supervisor of Senior Services

Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Review Minutes of December 5, 2022 meeting- A motion was made to accept the minutes by Denise and seconded by Jennifer. Motion passed unanimously.

Communications & Announcements- None

Departmental Reports (Attached)

Old Business:

Age-Friendly Community Initiative

➤ Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance

Patti reported that the Town Plan and Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday January 17th and that the COA's letter to the TPZ regarding Inclusionary zoning (attached) would be included in the member's packets.

Patti and Lisa also reported that the letter regarding Pedestrian Safety (attached) was sent to the Town Council and was in the January 10th Council packet under Communications. Lisa and Patti also reported that they had met with the Town Manager and that he was very supportive of the issue.

Gayle reported that she was in touch with Alyssa Norwood, Director of the Connecticut Age Well Collaborative, regarding the work of the collaborative and how Glastonbury could be a resource going forward. A rescheduled meeting with Alyssa will take place on January 20th.

The group discussed the second-year goals and action steps of the AFC action plan and strategized ways to accomplish those goals. The group agreed to reconvene the Core Leadership Team subgroups within the next four to six weeks.

➤ Citizen Newspaper Request for Support Update

Gayle reported that she had spoken to the Publisher at the Citizen and that he indicated they were looking into the request to publish the paper online and are assessing a readership base.

The Commission asked Patti to reach out to the residents who requested advocacy help from the Commission on this issue.

➤ **Accreditation Process/Timeline**

Patti provided the schedule for the upcoming self -assessment meetings:

January 27, February 24, March 24, at noon. Lunch will be provided. Commission members are encouraged to attend

➤ **Community Survey Update**

Lisa and Patti reported that thus far 41 individuals had completed the survey online and another 6 had filled out a hard copy. The group brainstormed ideas on how to increase responses including sending it out through the postal service.

New Business:

Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024 (Unanimously Approved)

February 6, 2023, March 6, 2023, April 3, 2023

May 1, 2023, June 5, 2023, September 11, 2023, October 2, 2023, November 6, 2023, December 4, 2023, January 8, 2024

Adjourn: Motion by Denise seconded by Beth to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.