

GLASTONBURY COMMISSION ON AGING

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, April 3, 2023

5:30 P.M.

In-Person-RCC

Gayle Kataja, Chairman
Jennifer DiSette
Chris Haaf
Beth Hillson
Phil Markuszka
Susan Pearlman
Denise Weeks

1. **ROLL CALL** - Present- Gayle Kataja, Jennifer DiSette, Chris Haaf, Beth Hillson
Susan Pearlman, Denise Weeks
Absent- Phil Markuszka

2. **COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

none

3. **MINUTES** of the March 6, 2023, regular meeting were approved as presented.

4. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** were submitted in the packets.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Age-Friendly Community Initiative

Housing Subcommittee- Gayle advised that committee will regroup next month and they will look to adding new members

Transportation Subcommittee- Beth reported that her and Lisa will set up an upcoming meeting. Will look into reflective gear safety bands in Neon Yellow with imprint: "Visibility = Livability" and the Age Friendly Initiative logo. The committee will look for a potential sponsor in town. Discussion in regards how to pass out the bands, potential special event at the fountain, and also having them available at the Library and other departments.

Another priority would be to identify 4 to 6 busy crosswalks in town where flashing lights or other means of increasing visibility could be added. The committee will invite Dan Pennington, Town Engineer to a meeting.

Denise has been corresponding with a community member that is involved with a group "Safe Streets for Glastonbury Neighborhoods".

Outdoor Spaces and Building- the committee will meet on Tuesday, April 25th, at Parks and Recreation.

- **Accreditation and Survey Update** – the committee met on Friday, March 31st and reviewed the survey results. Jennifer discussed how the survey results revealed many who are interested in aquatics. Friends of Glastonbury Aquatics is still very active in seeking a future aquatic facility.
- **Health and Wellness Fair-** the event was well organized and it was nice to see a variety of vendors and age groups attending. There will be an after-action review with the committee. Initial feedback, need to re-organize the Library area, as it did not get the flow from the other room being separated from the other vendors. Parking was an issue, Lisa advised staff will be shuttled to keep parking spaces available.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **2023 Wellspring Award-** The Town received the award and Gayle invited all that wish to attend. Lisa will send out the link to the invite. The Sharing and Celebration Summit: Honoring Community Excellence will be Wednesday, April 26, 11 am to 1 pm at the Capitol.
- **Connecticut Healthy Living Collective-** Lisa and Gayle will meet with Town Manager Luiz to update him on the COA and the initiatives. Karen Green, CCCI Ct. Age Well Collective has been in touch to arrange training, one the new Senior Services Supervisor is hired.

- **ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

- Denise announced that there will be a TPZ hearing Tuesday, April 4, 2023 on Inclusionary Housing. The materials of the hearing included the COA letter that was dated December 14th, 2022.

- **ADJOURNMENT-** 6:30 p.m.

- **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING May 8, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**