

## MINUTES – GLASTONBURY COMMISSION ON AGING

### REGULAR MEETING – June 5, 2023

The Glastonbury Commission on Aging held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, in person.

Commission Members Present: Gayle Kataja, Chris Haaf, Beth Hillson, Phil Markuszka, Susan Pearlman, Denise Weeks

Commission Members Absent: Jennifer DiSette

Others Present: Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### 1. Communications & Announcements

Phil mentioned the Rotary Club Lobster Fest will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023.

##### Minutes:

The minutes of the April 3, 2023, Regular Meeting were approved by Gayle Kataja, Chris Haaf, Beth Hillson, and Susan Pearlman. Phil Markuszka and Denise Weeks abstained.

#### 2. Departmental Reports:

Submitted in the packets for April and May.

#### 3. Old Business:

##### • Age-Friendly Community Initiative-

- **Housing Subcommittee-** Gayle will be setting up a meeting with Neil
- **Transportation Subcommittee-** Beth is scheduling a meeting for June 15. Lisa will provide a meeting space.
- **Outdoor Spaces and Buildings-** Lisa will reach out to the committee to set up a meeting to be held in the summer.

Gayle reminded members present at the meeting, that information brought to the Commission from any Commissioner regarding possible implications for our Age-Friendly Action Plan will be directed first to the appropriate subcommittee for discussion. The subcommittee chair will then bring any recommendations to the entire Commission on Aging for vote and/or more discussion. Any recommendations from the committees that need input or approval from town staff (i.e. Town Manager, Town Engineer, Housing Authority) will then be sent to Lisa who will review for appropriateness and clarity and then forward them to the proper town staff person.

- **Accreditation Update-** Lisa advised they are making progress with the 9 standards. Special thanks to Beth Hillson for editing the documents. The goal is to submit by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Lisa will send the completed application to the Commission.
- **2023 Wellspring Award-** Lisa Showed off the plaque and proclamation from the Governor. They will be proudly displayed in the Riverfront Community Center.

- **Connecticut Healthy Living – LGBTQ+ Moveable Senior Center-** Lisa, Christine Avery, and Austyn Dolce, all attended the training for the Moveable Senior Center Initiative. The goal will be to also provide training for staff and community leaders, introduce the services and supports for healthy aging available through Senior Centers to LGBTQ+ older adults and provide a cohesive calendar of events and programs to the community. Gayle suggested that Lisa reach out to SAGE to provide a training session. Gayle gave an update on the pride signs project that Gina LaRosa has spearheaded. Various businesses have lawn signs that the public can pick up for free.

#### **4. New Business:**

- Motion to add “Transportation Subcommittee Recommendations” to New Business. Lisa provided a copy of the latest sidewalk priority matrix to Beth Hillson. Lisa advised this is a fluid document that gets revised frequently. This is simply a guidance document and the town is not bound to follow the order of construction in the matrix.
- Chris Haaf emailed a comprehensive packet of materials regarding sidewalks. It included an overview of input from residents and GIS photos of areas of town depicting areas where sidewalks should be considered. This information will be sent to the transportation subcommittee for review. The committee will, in the future, invite Dan Pennington to a meeting.
- Susan Pearlman discussed how Tryon Street has many potholes which make it impossible to ride a bike without risking injury. Lisa will pass the information on to the Town Engineer.

#### **5. Any other business to come before the Commission:**

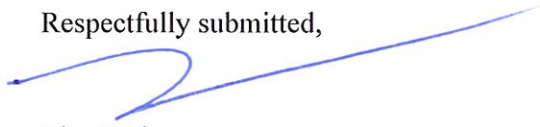
- Suggestion to invite Jonathan Luiz to the September meeting.
- Denise had asked if Lisa could provide FOI information to the Commission- Lisa passed out Chapter 14 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and other relative information on the Freedom of Information Act.

#### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

**Next scheduled meeting- Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Zerio

Director of Parks & Recreation