

GLASTONBURY COMMISSON ON AGING

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Monday, November 6, 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:** All Present
2. **COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
3. **MINUTES** of the October 2, 2023 meeting were accepted with the following revision: include the use of ARPA funding, if permitted, to cover cost of SAGE training for RCC staff.
4. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:** were submitted in the packets for October 2023
 - Ronda read an email that was received complimenting Christine Avery, Program Coordinator for her contributions in organizing the monthly Veterans and Allies Coffeehouse at the RCC. The weekly craft group also makes small treats that are sent to troops overseas.
 - A “salad of the week” option will now be offered at the daily lunch program and in the café. The salads will provide an alternative to the hot lunch provided.
 - Monthly Pop-Up Shops will be offered to Glastonbury crafters and artisans. The Pop-Up Shop will be held in conjunction with monthly special luncheons, from 10:00 – 2:00.
 - Passport to Health will be held on March 8, 2024. The COA will attend and provide a free give-a-way (to be determined).

5. OLD BUSINESS

○ **Age Friendly Community Initiative Sub-Committee Reports**

Housing Subcommittee: The Age Friendly Housing Resource Guide was reviewed and voted for approval with the need to confirm the correct name of The Hearth Assisted Living. Neil Griffin will work with Kathryn Paquette, Marketing Communication & Specialist, to design a tri-fold brochure for distribution. The group would like to be more visible and vocal about the need for affordable housing. Next meeting scheduled for December 1, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Transportation Subcommittee: Committee met with Dan Pennington at the October meeting. Dan reviewed the letter the committee sent him. He provided an updated list of sidewalk repairs that are scheduled. Many have been completed. Gayle and Beth will draft a letter for submission to The Citizen about improvements made to sidewalks and roadways. Discussion on how to the COA should address the next action areas for the final year of the project.

Outdoor Spaces and Building: The group is small. Discussion on how to grow the group with people who have an interest in outdoor spaces. Question was raised if the outdoor spaces committee should be combined with the transportation subcommittee. Susan talked about making connections with outdoor artists who might be interested in assisting the committee with looking at outdoor art projects for the community.

- **Accreditation Update:** Everything has been submitted. We are still waiting for information on date for a virtual meeting with a second peer reviewer.
- **Upcoming Opportunities for ARPA Funding:** The Town will receive \$91,967 for the Senior Center. Ideas for use of funding include new fitness center and possibly outdoor benches at trails, and LGBT SAGE training.
- **Bocce Courts:** The Eagle Scout, Brady Moy, has begun the work of building the bocce courts. Rain and drainage problems have been a hinderance. Brady hopes to be completed by the end of November. The surface is processed stone. Denise suggested that people might want to play Petanque (a French version of Bocce using metal balls).
- **January 8, 2024 COA Meeting:** Meeting cancelled and a special meeting scheduled for January 9, 2024 was voted upon and approved.

6. New Business

- **FY 25 Budget:** Lisa and Ronda are in the process of working on the budget. More information will be provided at the December meeting.
- **Schedule of 2024 COA meeting dates:** Approved as presented. Motion made by Susan and 2nd by Jennifer.

7. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Beth Hillson and seconded by Denise Weeks to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.