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MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2020
9:30 A.M. Shepardson Community Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judy Mirrer, JoAnn Cappelletti, Nancy Mastroianni, Jean Hansen, Ralph Barra

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Deriu , Noa Miller, Nancy Pun, Ann Spierto

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 9:45 by Chairman Judy Mirrer

Review and Approval of November meeting

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Jean Hansen and seconded by Nancy Mastroianni.

Discussion regarding members not attending meeting. Chairman Mirrer will address.

Selectman Ralph Barra assured Committee there is no conflict of interest with him sitting on the Commission on Aging Committee.

Treasurers Report: \$500 COA Budget - Balance on hand \$500 No expenses

Director Cappelletti asked the committee to consider subsidizing funds if needed for intergenerational program scheduled for May or June. All were in agreement.

Director Cappelletti revised COA agenda.

SENIOR CENTER AND MUNICIPAL AGENT REPORT

Statistical reports for programs and activities for the months of November, December and January were distributed to committee members.

Transportation Report

Director Cappelletti is waiting to hear from DOT regarding new bus.

Repairs made on the 2014 bus during December and January was \$1514.58. Maintenance, replace rear springs, repair to lift, parts and labor
Repairs on the 2007 bus were \$1686.58. Repair to lift, maintenance, town garage, parts & labor.

GWTD December meeting cancelled due to Ice storm

Farmers Market Coupons: Program ended October 31, Report and all unused coupon books returned to Department of Agriculture. Director will apply again for 2020 program.

Nutrition Program:

Elderly Nutrition Lunch program is served on Tuesday and Thursday

Additional Lunch programs:

Lunch & Learn for 11/6 Topic: Evaluating Senior Living Community, and Lunch & Learn 11/20, Topic the Wheel of Life. Guest speakers and lunch provided.

Program is limited to 24 participants.

New computers ordered and installed in computer lab.

Two Televisions installed in hallways. They will be used to promote Senior Center Activities, as well as recreation and community events.

Information & Referral Services: Energy Assistance applications, Snap applications, Operation Fuel Energy Assistance and Operation Fuel Water Assistance Program, Eversource Matching Pay and NuStart applications.

AARP Safe Driving Class held in November and January. Next class is scheduled for March.

Monthly movie The Man Who Knew Too Much"

Three day trip to Lancaster Pa to see "The Miracle of Christmas"

Veteran's Day Recognition – free lunch offered to veterans

Home Safety Tips Program

Federal Government Deadline for seniors to apply for driver's license with star by 10/1/20

How to avoid scams or anti-robocalls Program

AARP Driver Safety Program

December:

Department budgets due

Energy Assistance, Operation Fuel applications

Winter Safety Storm Program

Christmas Tree Shopping Trip

Holiday Festival of Lights, December 5

Monthly Movie Miracle of 34th Street

Senior Christmas Luncheon December 18

Medical Closet report

Blood Drive held on December 20

January

Completed Department Budgets

Social Security Changes - monthly benefit increase
US Census 2020 information – program to start April – would like to do a workshop
AARP Driving Program
Monthly Movie Fiddler of a Roof
Diabetes Prevention Program
Reviewed program with Income Tax preparers- program to begin Feb 7
Income Tax appointments – 4 preparers – 16 appointments per day
Homeowners Tax Credit and Add'l Veterans applications. Letters and application sent to residents reminding them to apply.

Small Cities Applications

There were no Applications submitted for this program during November & December.
Peter Testa reviewed current status of pending applications with Director Cappelletti.

Senior Center Updates

New computers were purchased for the Computer Lab with funds received from a donation to the Senior Center.
New cabinets were installed in the computer lab, dining room and Food bank . This was also funded through a donation to the Senior Center.

Two televisions were installed in the Senior Center which will exhibit information on all Senior Center programs, as well as Recreation and community events and programs.

Legislative Issues

Dept. on Aging urging Senior Center to sponsor more programs to educate seniors on the danger of scams.

A report released by AARP Public Policy Institute researching the impact of age discrimination. Report may be read by downloading www.advancingstates.org/sites/nasuad/files/impact-of-age-discrimination.doi .

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

November and December

Thanksgiving Dinners provided to 28 families and individuals in Middlebury

Three Food Bank Drives held to replenish Food Bank

Emergency Fund Applications 7, donations \$14,000 (Before & after School Program)

Thanksgiving and Christmas Donations \$1770

Christmas Program for Needy Families & Children provided 30 families with services, toys, food, clothing and gift cards.

Two referrals to protective services

Correspondence: none

Old Business: none

New Business: Repairs to 2007 bus – COA recommended repair work be done

Public Questions/Comments:

Anne Zimkus commented favorably on all the programs and activities provided by the Senior Center.

The next Commission on Aging meeting is scheduled for April 21, at 9:30

Motion to adjourn was made by Nancy Mastroeni and seconded by Jean Hansen.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Submitted by:

JoAnn Cappelletti
Director Elderly & Social Services