WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

TOWN OF STONOINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING MEEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Stacy Cassata, Sue Peglow, Susan Sedensky, Marty Booker, Gisela Harma, Chris Morren, Norm Erlandson, Nancy Houlihan

Human Services Representative: Michelle Banks

Town of Stonington Representative: None

Secretary's Report:

a) Minutes from March 1 meeting reviewed, Gisela Harma made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Sue Peglow seconded, All approved.

b) Correspondence:

- a. Copy of correspondence from RJ Connelly forwarded by Stacy Haskell notifying the Board of Selectmen of his resignation from the COA and a letter from the First Selectman Danielle Cheesborough, thanking him for his service.
- **b.** Copy of letter of gratitude from Stacy Haskell for the COA donation to the Stonington Veterans Monument. The COA will be recognized with engraving on the granite benches at the site.

Finance Report: Sue Peglow circulated the March finance report. Stacy proposed that the COA make a donation to the planting of trees at Spellman Park and the plantings at the new Veterans Monument. Stacy will get the costs for the next meeting for review and approval process.

Programs/Events

- a) Stonington Human Services- Michelle had no programs to add. She reminded the group to submit budget needs for coming year by June 1.
- b) Other agencies Stacy passed a flyer for the upcoming program on Fraud Prevention with Bingo on April 27th at Stonington Arms.
- c) COA sponsored Caregiver program- first session scheduled for April 20th at PNC at 12noon with lunch provided. Sue Sedensky and Chris Morren will advertise on Friday on WBLQ radio.

Legislative Updates – Chris Morren reviewed the outstanding legislative actions affecting seniors.

- a) Long term care insurance regulation with limits of less than 10% of annual income
- b) Approval of request for funding to study seniors' needs
- c) Approval of subsidy for grandparents caring for grandchildren
- d) Requirements for air conditioning in nursing homes by 2025
- e) Bill to improve reimbursement rates to ADCs and providers of home care for seniors, esp those with dementia
- f) Bill to support 'Aging in Place' in early development
- g) Bill to assist with paying real estate taxes to aid seniors to remain in their home
- h) Bill introduced to aid in in dying for terminally ill, with strict guidelines to be set by Public Health Commission

Old Business- None

New Business- None

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn made by Sue Peglow and seconded by Marty Booker. Meeting adjourned by Stacy Cassata

Nest Meeting to be held Wednesday May 3, 2023 at 4pm at PNC.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Houlihan, Secretary

Approved 5/3/23

TOWN OF STONINGTON

COMMISSION ON AGING Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 4:00pm Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center 27 Chase St. Pawcatuck, CT AGENDA

- 1. Meeting Called to Order
- 2. Secretary's report
 - a. Approval of Minutes for April 5, 2023
 - b. Correspondence
- 3. Finance Reports
- 4. Programs/Events
 - a. Stonington Human Services
 - b. Outside Agencies
- 5. Legislative Updates
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Report on plantings donation for the Veterans Memorial
- 7. New Business
- 8. Adjournment

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