#### WEDNESDAY, June 7, 2023

# TOWN OF STONINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING MEEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance: Stacy Cassata, Sue Peglow, Susan Sedensky, Marty Booker, Gisela Harma, Norm Erlandson, Joanne Kelly, Jenn Young, Nancy Houlihan

**Human Services Representative:** Michelle Banks

Town of Stonington Representative: None

#### Secretary's Report:

a) Minutes from May 3, 2023 meeting reviewed, Gisela Harma made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Marty Booker seconded. All approved.

# b) Correspondence:

- a. Invitation to COA members to attend the Stonington Veterans Monument Dedication Ceremony on June 14, 2023 at 11am at the Stonington Police Department.
- b. Email exchange between Sue Peglow, COA Finance Committee Chair and Leanne Theodore, Town of Stonington, approving the requests to use funds for additional planned lunch conference (\$200) as well as the donation for the plantings at the Veterans Monument site (\$600). Receipt for lunch expenses attached.

Finance Report: Sue Peglow circulated the May finance report.

## **Programs/Events**

#### a) Stonington Human Services-

Michelle Banks reported on the May programs:

- a. Fraud Bingo program- 8 attendees
- b. Blessings and Butterflies trip- 23 attendees

Michelle also reported on the town's response to the recent fire at Brookside Apartments where many residents were displaced. The town was able to provide funding for temporary relocation for residents until funding became available from the facility owners. There was further discussion about the lack of affordable housing in Stonington and what role COA could take. All agreed that we could collect data on the impact from each agency.

## b) Other agencies -

- a. PNC: Sue Sedensky reported that PNC is still offering weekly lunch and learns every Thursday at 12noon. Upcoming program on June 8 will be a guest speaker Rabe who is a children's book author. All were invited to attend.
- b. **Adult Day Care program** Jenn Young announced that they are in need of a hairdresser for the Adult Day Care program. Suggestions were offered.

**Legislative Updates** – Committee member Chris Morren was unable to attend today's meeting but provided the following legislative update.

 HB 5062 LT Care Insurance premium rates. Purpose is to decrease the burden of LT Care insurance rate increases. No movement since referral to AGING in January.

- HB 5781 Needs of Senior Citizens This bill would study the needs of senior citizens in the areas of transportation, long term care, housing assistance, nutritional assistance, and opportunities for socialization. The House passed this on May 30.
- HB 6576 Support for grandparents raising children. Passed by AGING and referred to APPROPRIATIONS.
- HB 6577 LT Care premiums. This bill allows for deductions of premiums from State income tax starting in April, 2024. Referred to the House, but no action taken.
- HB 6578 Air Conditioning is every nursing home room. Still in AGING
- HB 6677 Act concerning adult day care centers. The bill would increase reimbursement rates. House passed and referred to the Senate.
- SB 204 To provide payment to family members caring for individuals with dementia. Bill still in AGING
- SB 900 To promote aging in place This would create a revolving account to assist elderly homeowners to pay property taxes. The Senate approved and sent it to the House.
- SB 1076 An act concerning aid in dying for terminally ill individuals This is a controversial bill that has undergone scrutiny for a long time and has received a great deal of public comment, both favorable and in opposition. It is currently in review by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The legislature is scheduled to complete the current session on June 7.

All expressed appreciation for inclusion of legislative reports generated by Chris Morren. Jenn Young added that Long Term Care insurance funding is very disappointing to most Seniors. Norm confirmed that his personal experience was also disappointing and that we should warn those looking to buy this insurance to look closely at what expenses are included.

#### **Old Business-**

 Stacie Cassata reviewed the COA donation for plantings at the Veteran's Monument and asked all members to reflect on ongoing commission donations to the town tree planting initiatives.

#### **New Business-**

- Susan Sedensky recommended that COA members would benefit from attendance at Seniorrelated conferences which would increase awareness of priority issues and resources. All agreed and will begin to identify relevant programs.
- Discussion on COA providing data from senior agencies about affordable housing issues. For more discussion at next meeting,
- JoJo Kelley shared information about a newly identified resource for used clothing and other items at no cost held at the former North Stonington Middle School. More information to follow.

**Adjournment**- Motion to adjourn made by Gisela Harma and seconded by Marty Booker. Meeting adjourned by Stacy Cassata

There will be no meetings held in July and August. Next Meeting to be held Wednesday September 6, 2023 at 4pm at PNC.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Houlihan, Secretary

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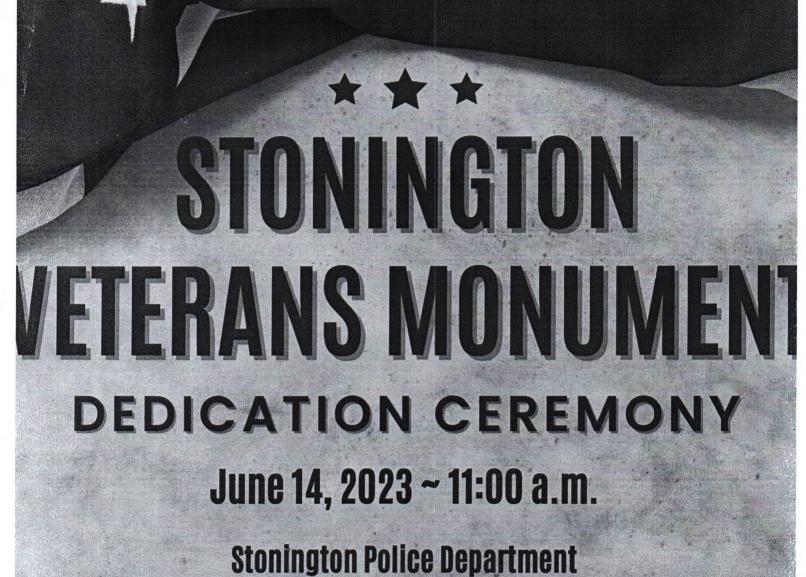
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# **Susan Sedensky**

From:

Leanne D. Theodore < Itheodore@stonington-ct.gov > on behalf of Leanne D. Theodore

Sent:

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 4:23 PM

To:

Susan Peglow

Cc:

Stacy Cassata (Stonington Arms Community Manager); Susan Sedensky; Michelle Banks

Subject:

**RE: COA Budget Question** 

Hi Sue,

We actually already moved the \$600 forward to cover purchases for the Veteran's Monument from Morningstar Nurseries earlier this month; so it is all set!

Yes, we can absolutely utilize \$200 for the luncheon, as long as it takes place prior to 7/1/23.

Thank you!

Leanne

# ----Original Message-----

From: Susan Peglow <SDPeglow@pendletonrhc.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:47 AM

To: Leanne D. Theodore < Itheodore@stonington-ct.gov>

Cc: Stacy Cassata (Stonington Arms Community Manager) <scassata@ehdoc.org>; Susan Sedensky <susan@thepnc.org>

Subject: RE: COA Budget Question

Hi Leanne- as a follow up to our emails below, is it possible to add an additional \$200 to the request below for another Mystic Geriatrics Institute Speaker lunch at the PNC that's been added before the end of the fiscal year? Also are there funds available in the remainder of the budget this year for the COA to sponsor plantings at the new Veterans Monument (\$600)?

Thanks,

Sue

#### ----Original Message-----

From: Leanne D. Theodore < Itheodore@stonington-ct.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 2:14 PM

To: Susan Peglow <SDPeglow@pendletonrhc.com>

Cc: Stacy Cassata (Stonington Arms Community Manager) <scassata@ehdoc.org>; Susan Sedensky <susan@thepnc.org>

Subject: Re: COA Budget Question

Of course! That is a fantastic use of the funds.

Thank you,

Leanne

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 2, 2023, at 2:08 PM, Susan Peglow <SDPeglow@pendletonrhc.com> wrote:

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Hi Leanne- At the COA meeting yesterday we discussed needing \$600 for The Mystic Geriatric Institute Speaker Series that the COA is sponsoring at the PNC in the upcoming months. Although there appears to be enough money remaining in the budget (as of 2/28/23) we wanted to make sure that this money would be available. Please advise. Thanks.

Sue Peglow Treasurer, COA

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