

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

WEDNESDAY, November 4, 2015

4:00 PM

TOWN OF STONINGTON

Human Services Department
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The regular meeting of the Commission on Aging was held on November 4, 2015 in the Human Services Building Community Room. Members present were: Maryann Bessette, Andrea Carey, Stacy Cassata, R.J. Connelly, Betty Croteau, Marilyn Riley, and Billie Ward,. Also attending: Carol Umphlett Agent for The Elderly, and Leanne Theodore, Stonington Human Services. Unable to attend: Russell McDonough and Joanne Kelley and Mary Ferguson,.

Guests: No other guests were present

The meeting was called to order by RJ Connelly at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes of October 2015 meeting were presented. Motion to accept was made by Maryann Bessette. Second by Marilyn Riley. Motion carried.

Financial Report October 31, 2015 was presented by Stacy Cassata. The COA has used \$325.98 of its \$4,800.00 budget for the fiscal year as of this date. Remaining funds are \$4,474.02. Motion to accept was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Marilyn Riley. Motion carried.

Carol Umphlett, Agent For the Elderly, Stonington Human Services reported for Program services for Seniors during October 2015.

<u>Program</u>	<u># Seniors in</u>	<u>October</u>
Food Programs		7
Transportation		4
Long Term Care		1
Medicare		37
Home Health Care		8
Social Security		0
Energy Assistance		185
Financial Assistance		0
Medical (Medicaid) Asst.		5
Renters Rebate		12

Demographic report: there were 149 unduplicated seniors presenting for assistance.

The Renters' Rebate Program has 234 households participating this year.

Report on Senior Programs by Kristen King, presented by Carol Umphlett

Senior Lunch & Learn Series number 7 is sold out at 42 participants.

Knit and Give group has 8 knitters who donated over 250 hats, mittens, and scarves to Santa's Boot Program, WARM and Safe Futures.

Oct. 15th – Nov. 19th is the "Cooking Matters" Program to learn how to cook healthy low cost meals. Thirteen participants registered.

Day trip to NYC is scheduled for Dec. 11, 2015. The trip is maxed out at 57.

Outside Agencies: Leanne Theodore gave a report on Stonington Human Services activities concerning seniors. It is planned that the Gray Matters newsletter for seniors in Stonington that was discontinued a few years ago will be reinstated, planned for December. There was positive discussion from COA members.

Legislative: no report

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Announcements: There were no announcements.

Old Business: The Comfort Basket Project launching event was postponed until January 13th due to property repair and carpeting projects at the Stonington Arms Community room. A motion was made by Billie Ward that the COA allocate \$300 of budget funds to pay for the brunch or lunch for the event. Maryann Bessette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Carol Umphlett and Billie Ward are currently visiting the various referral agencies/churches that are invited to participate. They will report next month.

New Business: There was no new business.

Adjournment was at 4:40 p.m. Motion to was made by Maryann Bessette. Seconded by Marilyn Riley. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Billie Ward, Secretary

Approved by the COA at the December 2, 2015