

TOWN OF STONINGTON

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 4:00 pm
Web Ex

Members in attendance: RJ Connelly; Susan Peglow; Stacy Cassata; Jennifer Young; Susan Sedensky; Jo Kelly; Marty Booker, Gisela Harma

Human Services Representative(s): Michelle Larese-Casanova, Leanne Theodore

Town of Stonington Selectman: June Struck

Community Guest: Liz Stern

RJ Connelly called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm

Secretary's Report

- New and returning members were announced
- Minutes from October, November and December 2020 meetings were reviewed and approved. 1st Stacy Cassata 2nd Jo Kelly. Marty Booker abstained
- No correspondence

Finance Report

- No report available for review
- An increase in the printing and postage budget has been requested. It reflects the need to increase direct mailing during the pandemic. June Struck has asked that the commission revisit the events budget request as well.

Programs/Events

- Stonington Human Services
 - Leanne Theodore reported that the focus has been on outreach and covid support since March.
 - Community volunteer program Share continues to offer assistance with errands and shopping for homebound residents.
 - Indulge Café and Human services worked together to provide 320 seniors with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.
 - Leanne described the Cognitive Safety System and its benefits for those with dementia as well as other cognitive deficits. She also explained the minimum impact it would have on the COA budget, specifically the printing and postage budget.
 - Michelle Larese-Casanova reported there were 40 Medicare Choices sessions conducted between October and December 2020
 - 55% of those served by the Social Services department have been for Stonington seniors
 - TVCCA has changed the process for conducting tax preparation. They will announce the new process soon and it will include installing a drop box outside of the human services building for the collection of tax documentations.

- Outside Agencies
 - Susan Sedensky reported on behalf of the PNC rider eligibility. Passengers can now be 55. Currently, they are transporting one or two people at a time to rehab or doctors' appointments, shopping and food pantry pickups.

Legislative update –

- No legislative report was available

Old Business -

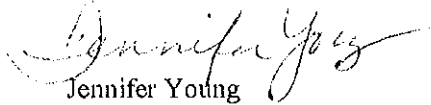
- Stacy Cassata reviewed the goal of Emergency Registration project and provided a status update. Stacy and her staff at Stonington Arms have submitted a draft of the Emergency Registration form to Leanne and June. Leanne will review it and provide feedback.

New Business – reported throughout the meeting

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn 1st Sue Peglow 2nd Jo Kelly. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 4:00pm Webex link and call-in number will be provided in the publicly posted agenda

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Young