

TOWN OF STONINGTON

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Stonington Human Services – 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

Members Present: Marilyn Riley; Stacy Cassata; Louise Bray; Jennifer Young, Norm Erlendson; Susan Peglow; RJ Connelly, Joanne Kelly

Human Services Representative(s): Cyndi Gardiner; Amanda Davis

Guests:

RJ called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

Secretary's Report

- A motion was made by Stacy Cassata and seconded by Susan Peglow to accept the September 2019 minutes as written. Motion carried.
- Commission members reviewed and discussed the "Regular Meeting Schedule" document and agreed to continue with the current schedule. Document was completed and signed by the commission chair.

Finance Report

- General Fund – 10172 \$5,938.25 remained in the general fund.
 - It was noted that there has been an approx. 50% saving in publication costs. This is a direct result of changing publication companies.
 - The Treasure's report was presented, and a motion was made to accept the report by Marilyn Riley Young and seconded by Joanne Kelly. Motion carried.

Programs/Events

- Stonington Human Services
 - 18 community members attended the Seniors Bullying Senior event. The audience included residents and care providers
 - The human services department served 270 residents in September, 162 were age 55(+).
 - 115 elderly and/or disabled residents participated in the Renter's Rebate program. Total to date \$9,139.60
- Outside Agencies
 - No outside agency reports
- Legislative update
 - No legislative updates were available.

Old Business

- No old business was presented

New Business

- Residents have been calling Human Services to complain about the new quarterly magazine “Stonington Senior Living”. This periodical has taken the place of “Gray Matters”. The complaints include the new name, the lack of content, the new flashy look, and an increase in the number of advertisements. The COA members reviewed the first addition, asked questions and offered to support Human Services in any way possible. Cyndi Gardner stated that there was a meeting scheduled with the new publishing company.

The COA believes that Human Services should have the last say in content.

The COA is asking for the price of publishing an additional 4 pages.

The COA is recommending the return to the name “Gray Matters”.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Joanne and seconded by Sue to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 6, 2019. 4:00pm at the Stonington Human Services Building

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Young