## TOWN OF STONINGTON COMMISSION ON AGING SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

<u>Members in attendance</u>: Stacy Cassata, Sue Peglow, Susan Sedensky, Jennifer Young, JoJo Kelly, Geisla Harman and Ruth Nolder

Human Services Representative: Michelle Larese-Casanova

<u>Town of Stonington Selectman</u>: June Strunk

Community Guest: Dr. Michael Feltes, Mystic Geriatric Institute

Stacy Cassata called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

## Secretary's Report

- Minutes from September 8, 2021 were reviewed and approved. 1<sup>st</sup> Jojo Kelly and 2<sup>nd</sup> Geisla Harman
- Correspondence None

## Finance Report

Sue Peglow presented the report, noting that there have been no expenses this fiscal year.

<u>Programs/Events</u> — Michelle Larese-Casanova reported that the Town of Stonington Human Services Department had provided renters rebate assistance to 227 people, in the amount of \$121,00.00

<u>Legislative Updates</u> - None

<u>Old Business</u> – Stacy Cassata reported that Leanne Theodore had sent \$1,000.00 from the COA budget to the Stonington Veterans Monument project.

<u>New Business</u> – Members discussed the fact that voters had rejected the referendum for tax abatement for affordable housing at Campbell Grain on the previous day. On that date, voters passed the referendum that will allow one

cannabis retailer and one grower in both the Town of Stonington and the Borough of Stonington.

Dr. Feltes presented information regarding the Mystic Geriatric Institute, which provides home visits and Senior Summits. Issues addressed at past Senior Summits had been end of life matters and senior health. The Institute is planning a Caregiver Conference which would be held in 7 sessions, each lasting approximately 30 minutes. The Institute is looking for a venue for these conferences. The Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center offered its building as a possible location.

<u>Adjournment</u> – Motion to adjourn Sue Peglow and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Nolder. Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Next Special Meeting Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center.

Minutes submitted by COA Secretary, Susan Sedensky

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