

TOWN OF STONINGTON

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Stonington Human Services – 166 South Broad Street, Pawcatuck, CT

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

Human Services Representative(s): Cyndi Gardiner; Michelle Larese-Casanova; Leanne Theodore

Guests:

RJ called the meeting to order at 4:03pm

Secretary's Report

- A motion was made by Sue Peglow and seconded by Louise Bray to accept the October 2019 minutes as written. Motion carried.
- No correspondence

Finance Report

- General Fund –Leanne gave an overall update. The postage fund will be depleted after the next mailing.
- Currently, programming is self sufficient
- The programming budget has remained the same for more than a decade, yet the COA is more active. The COA has chosen to request an increase in the programming budget. The motion was made by Joanne and seconded by Sue Peglow. Motion carried.

Programs/Events

- Stonington Human Services – Cyndi Gardiner reported on the programs and trips being offered. There was a discussion regard the future of day trips as they are often cancelled due to a lack of interest. Cyndi will be looking at new ways to bring experiences into the community rather than going out.
 - Additionally the following was reported
 - 30 residents attended the Friday lunch and Learn
 - 5 residents attended the program on naturopathic healthcare
 - Social service report
 - Choices counseling sessions have begun
 - The human services department served 162 residents in September, 130 were age 55(+).
 - 88 Energy Assistance applications have been completed. This is the highest number, as of this date, in recent memory
- Outside Agencies
 - There has been a request for the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to join the COA
- Senior Providers Network - quarterly meetings have resume
- Legislative update
 - No legislative updates were available.

Old Business

- Leanne provided follow up from the meeting with the Westerly Sun Publishing Co. (WSP) to discuss the "Stonington Senior Living" publication. Representatives from WSP agreed that Human Services could have the last word on content. They further explained the connection between advertisements and articles.
Leanne requested changes to the look of the content pages, including boxes around articles and bolder type for article titles. In an effort to add more filler content, such as recipes, articles will be shortened. Leanne reminded the COA members that this was a work in progress.

New Business

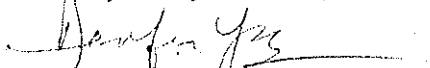
- A craft fair will be held at Masonic Care on 11/23 9:30 – 2:30. Some of the crafters are residents. It is open to the public.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Sue and seconded by Joanne to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Young