

**TOWN OF ENFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021
ELECTRONICALLY- WINDSTREAM**

Present: Howard Florian, Alice Egan, David Goyette, Priscilla Linehan, Marlene Hoginski, Tim Slade, Kay Tallarita, Judy Kilty, Will St George, Mike Arnone Jr., Jennifer Switalski, Lori Unghire, Bob Cressotti

Attending Host: Cynthia Guerreri

Guest(s): Sheila Grady

I. WELCOME

Dave Goyette opened the meeting at 2:04 PM. Election of Officers: David Goyette stated the 2020 officers all wished to continue, then he called for further nominations. There were none. A motion put forth by Judy Kilty and seconded by Mike Arnone Jr. as follows, 'To re-elect the 2020 officers: Alice Egan, Vice Chairperson; Will St George, Secretary; Timothy Slade, Treasurer' passed unanimously.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A motion to accept the minutes with corrections was made by Tim Slade and seconded by Marlene Hoginski. The motion passed unanimously. Corrections: Under FOSC, 'Marleen' should be 'Marlene'. Under Treasurer's Report, \$96.97 should be \$296.97. Under Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports 'except' should be 'accept'.

III. TREASURERS REPORT

Tim Slade went over two expenditures, one for the Grandparents program and one for the Nursing Home program. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Will St George and seconded by Kay Tallarita. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. SENIOR MINOR REPAIR PROGRAM

Tim Slade reported. The current expectation is if the program engages for 2021 it will be a late start.

B. SYMPOSIUM

Pat Linehan reported. There will be a committee meeting to formulate viable ideas, if any, for the next symposium (date and time to be determined).

C. ISOLATED SENIOR CALLING PROGRAM

Jenn Switalski reported there is no update.

D. SENIOR LIVING TV PROGRAM

Pat Linehan reported on show topics and happenings. Topics: update of vaccination program progress, nutrition and exercise for isolated persons, potential guests and substitute hosts, public feedback, and the public access studio. Regarding feedback,

host Martha Mcleod told Pat that while shopping several people have approached her with high praise for the shows. The current prospects for reopening the studio are June at the earliest.

E. TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Cindy Guerreri reported the Transportation Department is finalizing the COA ten question survey for posting on the website and Facebook. They are using 'Survey Monkey'. The CoA survey will be separate from the department's annual survey.

F. GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Kay Tallarita reported. The support for grandparents raising grandchildren is continuing through virtual means. She praised the efforts of Amy Morales.

G. TRIAD

Marlene Hoginski reported there is no update.

H. BLUE BOOK

Jenn Switalski reported the Blue Books are now going out with food-shelf boxes.

I. CHOICES

Jenn Switalski reported. She is still making CHOICES appointments post 'open enrollment' as it is an ongoing need, e.g., persons entering retirement.

J. NURSING HOME PROJECT

Alice Egan reported. Alice received a thank-you note from Parkway. This past year this program was especially important due to increased isolation and stresses from the pandemic. The deliveries were made in a COVID-safe manner. David Goyette congratulated Alice on accomplishing this program under difficult circumstances. The accomplishment was especially rewarding this year due to the circumstances.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRANTS

Cynthia Guerreri reported the status of the grants is 'to be processed'.

B. SENIOR GROUPS

Marlene Hoginski reported. The water fountain project is underway. In answering questions about updating the Gazebo interior, she stated the necessity of prioritizing maintenance, safety, and security issues. New signage and Bocce Ball are still in the discussion phase.

C. SENIOR CENTER FOCUS

No Report

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A.DSS REPORT

No report

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn made by Will St George and seconded by Judy Kilty, passed unanimously.

David Goyette adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2021 at 2:00 pm virtually; Cynthia Guerreri will host.

Respectfully Submitted by Will St. George, Secretary

Cc:

Christopher W. Bromson, Town Manager,

Lori Unghire, Council Liaison,

Jennifer Switalski, MSW - DSS Social Worker, Staff Liaison,

Cindy Guerreri, Director, Department of Social Services,

Shelia Grady, Senior Center Manager,

Mary Keller, Deputy Director of Recreation Services,

Marguerite DuPrey, "Commissioner Emeritus" 32 Woodside Park, Enfield, CT. 06082.

Cc:

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