

Columbia Commission on Aging Minutes for March 23, 2016

Attended: Chairperson Cathie Rowe, Lynn Buonocore, Paula Cahalan, Maggie Ewald, Jill Livingston, Edith Prague, Millie Ramsey.

Chairperson Cathie Rowe called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Minutes accepted as read by Jill Livingston and seconded by Millie Ramsey.

Lions Club Meeting: Paula and Maggie reported that the meeting went well. The attendees were most gracious, asking many questions and offering their support.

Updated Housebound List: Cathie will check with Bernadette concerning the location of the list.

Magnet File of Life Distribution boxes: They will be delivered today to the library, Town Hall, and Beckish Senior Center. At a future date we will distribute them at the transfer station.

Senior Housing: There is no new information.

Grant Application Review: The Committee was impressed by all the work done by Natasha Nau on the grant proposal and we thank her.

We would like to propose changes to #8 and #12 on the application as follows: Number 8, we would like to add: According to the Connecticut State Data Center at UConn Libraries Map and Geographical Information Center. (MAGIC 2012):

Currently, 2015 Columbia residents aged 60+ constitute 27% of the population. By the year 2025, Connecticut residents 65+ will be at 25% while Columbia 65+ population is projected to be 38% by 2025. We are already above the 2015 state statistics.

On number 12, we would like to add: With the recent merging of Windham, Backus, and Hartford Health Care, medical care is moving closer to the Hartford area. WRTD does not cover this area for transport.

Cathie will discuss these additions with Natasha.

Fee structure for Vans: We did not have the time to discuss this but Jill provided us with information from Lebanon involving suggested donations.

Meeting adjourned a 10:20 AM. Next meeting April 27, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Paula Cahalan