

Columbia Commission on Aging, Minutes for Meeting July 25, 2018

Attended: Cathie Rowe, Paula Cahalan, Jill Livingston and Edith Prague

Chairperson Cathie Rowe called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

Minutes: Accepted as read by Edith Prague and seconded by Jill Livingston.

New Business:

I. Housing Authority Committee.

Millie Ramsey obtained information for creating a Housing Authority from Michael Santoro of the Connecticut Department of Housing; michaelsantoro@ct.gov, Phone 860.270.8262. Refer to CT Statutes 8-38, 8-40 and 8-41 which govern Housing Authorities. These Statutes: 1. Empower the town selectmen to pass a resolution to activate a Housing Authority. 2. A Chairperson can be chosen by the selectman. 3. Four commissioners are appointed who serve on

a rotating basis of one, two, three or for terms each.

CONA would like to see a Housing Authority appointed with one person from CONA and one person from CSO and the remainder at the discretion of the Selectmen.

The Committee would also like some feedback from the Selectmen on the progress being made for the acquisition of land for senior housing.

A motion was made by Edith Prague and seconded by Jill Livingston for Cathy Rowe to schedule a meeting with Steven Everett and Mark Walter.

II. Car acquisition

We have had many ride denials. Our driver is ill, and we have no substitute available until September. A car would provide flexibility since no public service license is necessary, and would be able to fill the gap which now exists in getting people to their individual appointments. Would the Town consider renting a vehicle for these

situations, or perhaps seeking a donation of a car from one of the local dealerships?

CONA would like Cathy to discuss this issue at her scheduled meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jill Livingston and seconded by Edith Prague.

Next meeting August 22, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted, Paula Cahalan