

COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

April 24, 2019

Meeting called to order @9:04am

Attending: Jill Livingston, Maggie Ewald, Catherine Rowe Millie Ramsey and Lynn Buonocore

Minutes from meeting March 27, 2019 read and accepted by a motion from Lynn Buonocore and seconded by Maggie Ewald

OLD BUSINESS:

Bernadette Derring, Senior Center Director: Coffee station setup continues, July new budget will be utilized for new icemaker, Harold the environmental engineer for the Senior Center has been doing a fantastic job, educational classes on Marijuana will be presented in June by Joe Zuzel Windham Hospital, Cheryl Fey (School Teacher who does historical programs) will be doing "Helen Keller" presentation on May 9th, Current events go on the town green sign, Dinner dance and nutritional classes scheduled for June. Senior Center Van is very busy and trying to accommodate the special needs of some of our Senior Center members (data is being accumulated on van usage and problems that arise – report will go to town – Mark Walter and Steve Everett on a monthly basis). Looking to present statistics in Sept 2019 to the town. May need a rental/lease vehicle for medical appointments in the near future as we are not meeting the needs of all. Pushing to get electronic bathroom entry doors.

Cathie Rowe: CERT Program– Hold for now – Jill motioned and Lynn Buonocore seconded. Looking into a "community of care" (neighbors taking care of neighbors). Recent Rte 66 corridor meeting update – towns attended were East Hampton, Portland, Columbia, East Haddam and Colchester (approx. 25 persons in attendance). Next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2019 in East Hampton.

Senior Housing: Mark Walter to update next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Maggie Ewald/Cathie Rowey/Millie Ramsey - Lack of Social Worker services a concern. Have town look into the need and who they may have on the payroll now or contract with. Need information on necessity of Social Worker by all entities. Ask town to explain the function of the Access Social Worker. Maggie to let Joanne know we are looking into the needs of a Social Worker in Columbia and will update her on our findings. Maggie to also speak with the Lions Club once we have information on needs of a Social Worker. Cathie Rowe to ask Mark Walter about present Social Worker Services.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maggie Ewald and seconded by Millie Ramsey

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:51am

Next CONA Meeting will be held on May 22, 2019

Minutes respectfully submitted by, Jill Livingston