

COLUMBIA COMMISSION ON AGING
Minutes for 2/27/19

Meeting called to Order at 9:00 AM

ATTENDING: Catherine Rowe, Jill Livingston, Lyn Buonocore, Marjory Golden-Mossberg, Bernadette Derring and Mark Walter, Town Manager

Minutes from meeting on 1/23/19 read and accepted by a motion from Marjory Golden-Mossberg and seconded by Jill Livingston.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussed and reviewed information that was presented by Bruce Goldstein. from Paradis, to CONA members at the meeting in January about rural development of senior housing.
- Update from Bernadette: Coffee station for senior center is on order. A new freezer has been bought and delivered for the center. (The old one continuously leaked water) Money has been appropriated for an ice maker which should be purchased before this next summer.
- Discussed need for generator at Senior Center so that during emergencies residents could seek shelter. Mark felt the funds needed could not be added into the Town Budget this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on tests that would be needed on any piece of property that would be eventually purchased to for senior housing.
- Cathie recapped the Route 66 Corridor meeting which was held in East Haddam on January 10th. Peaches Quinn, who was from New Haven Advocacy Group, spoke on methods to motivate communities when presenting various needs and projects to the town.
 - One of the suggestions was to prioritize issues and present with personal stories to illustrate the impact of the issue on individuals. These views could be presented in video form and coupled with specific facts and data.
 - The importance of convincing a group that they can make a difference was stressed as a motivating factor.
- Cathie alsodiscussed an idea that was mentioned at the Rt. 66 Corridor meeting was some towns post in their senior bulletins supplies or other things that were needed at the Senior Center. Often times those needs could be met by members donating. This suggestion was given to Bernadette to include in the Gem.
- The discussion on CERT was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lyn Buonocore, seconded by Jill Livingston. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

The next Commission on Aging to be held on March 27, 2019.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lyn Buonocore