

## **COLUMBIA COMMISSION ON AGING**

### **Meeting Notes 11/15/2017**

Meeting called to order @ 9:02am

Attending: Catherine Rowe (Chairwoman), Paula Calahan, Lyn Buonocore, Jill Livingston, Mark Walter (Town Manager), Bernadette Derring (Senior Center Director)

Motion made by Paula Calahan and seconded by Jill Livingston to accept minutes from October 26, 2017.

#### Old Business:

Bernadette Derring – New Employee Margaret Verizzi working out wonderfully. Lots of activities this past week and the “Holly Fair” is scheduled for 11/18/17. Kiosk is going well and will check with Sherry Major about running a report from the kiosk. Food Pantry is stocked (22 families signed up). Food donations may be dropped off to St. Peters church, St. Columba church, Columbia Congregational church and the Beckish Center. New “younger” members now attending the Beckish Center.

Maggie Ewald to update us on “MyCtPlace.com” at next meeting.

Mark Walter and Cathie Rowe to meet with Paula Stahl on this Thursday @ 1:00pm regarding septic systems for housing multiple occupants.

Review of CONA meeting calendar for 2018 by all attendees

Jill Livingston will run the January 24, 2017 CONA meeting in Cathie Rowe’s absence

#### NEW VAN Update:

Per Mark Walter – Awaiting confirmation on arrival of new van. Columbia Ford will be servicing the new van

Motion to purchase two standard wheelchairs for the new van by Lyn Buonocore and seconded by Jill Livingston.

Jill Livingston to get vendor price quotes for 2 standard wheelchairs

Bernadette Derring to address and send out the NEW VAN roll-out reception invitations dated for January 11, 2017 @ 2:00pm. Ribbon cutting ceremony with cake and refreshments.

New Business:

Tiny Houses for Seniors/Veterans discussion – subsidized. Per Mark Walter – small cities grant of \$600,000.00 has been decreased to \$500,000.00. Cathie Rowe will check out Oak Grove in East Haddam and will speak with Steve Everett, BOS about senior/disabled possible housing prospects in Columbia

Cathie Rowe to draft a letter to the BOS regarding the name change of the “Columbia Senior Center” to the “Beckish Center”.

Next CONA meeting is December 27, 2017 @ 9:00am at the “Beckish Center”

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 10:05am by Paula Calahan and seconded by Lyn Buonocore.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Livingston, CONA member