

Commission on Aging (COA)

Minutes from March 23rd, 2017 Meeting

Call to Order: 10:37 am by Chairwoman Vicki Riley-Pach.

Present: Suzanne Bostelman, Jovita Cozean, Jo Golec, Rosalie Hoffman, MaryEllen Klinck, John Pagnani, Brad Parker, Vicki Riley-Pach, Alice Sabo, Joe Sina.

Secretary's Report: Vicki Riley-Pach asked for a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. Jo Golec made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Jovita 2nd. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Alice Sabo presented the balance for the Fund 52 Acct: \$5,747.33. No change

Correspondence: The flyer for Ron Brennan's Memorial service was read. A donation in Ron's name can be given to Ivoryton Playhouse and The Goodspeed Opera House.

Chairwoman's Report: None

Citizens' Concerns: First Selectman Emmett Lyman announced that 9 Town Transit service will be reduced 50% because of budget cut funding. If this stands there will be no Saturday service, no dial-a-ride, and route changes.

Old Business: Brad spoke in regards to John Giaconia's bench dedication/memorial ceremony being held on Thursday, March 30th, 1:30p

New Business: Nominating committee will report back next month in regards to C.O.A. officers and member re-appointments.

Coordinator of Senior Services Report: Brad reported Ernie Malavasi questioned why C.O.A. making policy in regards to the use of the Senior Center. Brad and representatives of the C.O.A. will attend the upcoming Selectman's meeting in May to explain.

We area receiving meals Tuesday/Thursday thru Gristmill Market and Monday, Wednesday, Friday through CRT. It seems to be working very well. People in the community have been very generous donating both desserts and money to help support the Senior meals.

A letter from the C.O.A. signed by Vicki did go out to the appropriations committee and our State Senator and State Representative, asking them to support more funding to the senior meals

Brad also reported that the Senior Center #'s dropped in February due to Weather, Holidays etc.

Our grant application for the Senior Bus was accepted and paper work will be signed in April

and the bus will be here in September.

Brad announced that as of April Anthony Nero will be our new bus driver.

He also reported the future outlook for the Senior Meal Program from the Federal/State does not look good. More changes are likely to come. We will have to deal with these changes as they arise. A town account has been created where people can contribute to support the Senior Meal Program. This money will only be used for the senior meals.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18th, 2017, 10:30 am

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am on motion by Jo Golec; seconded by John Pagnani.

Respectfully Submitted by: Patricia K. Puia