

Commission on Aging (COA) Minutes from 11/21/13 Meeting

Call to Order: at 10:30 am by Chairwoman Jo Golec.

Present: Alice Sabo, Suzanne Bostelman, John Pagnani, Rosalie Hoffman, Jovita Cozean, Jo Golec, Mark Walter, Brad Parker

Absent: Vicky Riley-Pach, Jim O'Brien, Mary Ellen Klinck

Secretary's Report: Accepted as read by Jo Golec on a motion by Jovita Cozean and seconded by Suzanne Bostelman.

Treasurer's Report: None today.

Old Business: Correspondence received re renewal dates for members. Received Invitation to the Art Colony Open House on November 24, 2013.

New Business:

1. Elderly Tax Relief Program: Report from Mary Ellen Klinck: fund is approximately \$60,000 for 170 people; \$350.00 per person. Suggestion from recent public meeting: need to do more for seniors, increase the fund. Mary Ellen will meet with Mark Walter to discuss the state policy, ordinances, as well as criteria to qualify i.e. age, disability, income thresholds.
2. How to better inform town people: Discussed current distribution of Senior Newsletter to Hadlyme, Bashan Lake. Bulletin board needed for Lake Hayward area. Mark Walter will have one installed at firehouse. Also discussed creating email list to inform residents re town events and emergency alerts, both safety and medical.
3. Citizens' concerns: Nathan Hale Pharmacy not a preferred pharmacy according ConnectiCare. Mark Walter will look into this.
4. Ernie Malavasi will be the Board of Selectman liaison to the Commission on Aging.

Coordinator of Senior Services Report: Brad parker reported on the following:

1. Monthly visitor numbers are increasing. Lunch participation is up quite a bit.
2. Bowling will probably resume in the winter months, though several bowlers are currently on the disabled list.
3. 9 Town Transit coming to East Haddam. For all citizens. Will initially begin as "dial-a-ride". \$3 one way. Will need to be heavily promoted to build ridership. Stops/routes to be determined.
4. Following events are scheduled:
 - a. AARP Safe Driving: November 21st
 - b. Bake, Tag, Crafts, Teacup event: November 23rd
 - c. Medicare Open Enrollment: December 4th
 - d. HuKeLau Kenny & Dolly show: December 4th
 - e. Holiday luncheon: December 9th
 - f. Windham Tech Luncheon: December 12th
 - g. New Year's Party Luncheon: December 31st
 - h. Speaker Todd Walters: Reverse Mortgages: January 13th

- i. UCONN – RU Basketball Game: January 19th
- j. Speaker John Pagnani: Stress and Aging: January 23rd
- k. Speaker Todd Walters: Reverse Mortgages/Pot Luck Lunch: January 27th
- l. Speaker John Pagnani: Memory: February 27th

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am on a motion by Alice Sabo, seconded by John Pagnani.