

FINAL
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
May 3, 2023

Attendees: Halesteen Graham Days, Marie MacDonald, Barbara Reisner, Jeannette Rivers, Leon Rivers, Shirley Thompson, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Marie Bendzans and Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (senior services liaison), Ivy Anderson, Gloria Harris, Sarah Moore, Jennifer Pitter, Kay Sherman, Vera Thompson, Charles Williams, Sherry (last name unknown)

Absent: Bob Berman, Susan Odoms, Patricia Miller

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 pm in the community room at Coventry Place.

Commission members and guests each introduced themselves. Yvette then gave a brief explanation for today's guests of what the Commission is and does.

Old Business:

The June and September meetings will be at the senior center; efforts will be made to have the October meeting at another of the senior housing locations.

Barbara noted that the Town Council has approved the reappointments of the current Commission members who expressed interest in continuing, along with the appointment of two new members, Darrell Goodwin and Joaner Weidman.

Public Comments:

The senior center will hold a social hour with trivia games, "Let's Mix, Let's Mingle," on May 9.

If there is enough interest, Senior Services will plan trips to the National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C., and/or to Cape Cod later this year.

Retired social worker Pat Maneggia and Bloomfield Social & Youth Services assistant director Dawn Cooper-Grodger will present another program, *Café Express*, on Tuesday afternoons. The series will explore life and aging through the arts.

The town budget was passed on Monday. All open positions, with the exception of town manager and finance director, have been frozen for the time being.

The senior services annual Pre-Juneteenth Celebration will take place on Thursday, June 15. This will include a luncheon and entertainment.

Coventry Place resident Sarah Moore noted that she is bored and would like to take advantage of any volunteer opportunities.

Kaye shared information about the Lions Club plastics drive and asked if it could be put in the senior services newsletter. Yvette explained that non-senior center articles may occasionally be included on a space-available basis.

Yvette and the Commission thanked all the guests who attended today's meeting.

Halesteen made a motion to accept the March and April minutes; Barbara seconded. The minutes are approved.

Halesteen made a motion to adjourn; Barbara seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, June 7.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marie Bendzans". The signature is written in black ink and has a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Marie Bendzans
on behalf of the Commission