

FINAL
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
June 7, 2023

Attendees: Bob Berman, Marie MacDonald, Patricia Miller, Barbara Reisner, Jeannette Rivers, Leon Rivers, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (senior services liaison), Marguerite Phillips, town clerk, Kay Sherman

Absent: Halesteen Graham Days, Darrell Goodwin, Susan Odoms, Shirley Thompson, Joaner Weidman

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm.

Marguerite swore in those attendees who had not already taken their oath of office. Anyone who still needs to be sworn in should go to the town clerk's office at their earliest convenience.

Marguerite also noted that there should be two more Republicans on the Commission. She will reach out to the Republican Town Committee.

Bob nominated Pat to serve as chair. Barbara moved to accept the nomination; Bob seconded. All were in favor. Leon nominated Bob to serve as vice-chair. Barbara moved to accept the nomination; Peter seconded. All were in favor.

Unfortunately, no one volunteered to serve as secretary. Members were asked to think about it over the summer, and the subject will be revisited at the September meeting.

Members were asked to confirm their contact information; i.e., mailing address, telephone number and email address. Those who were not present are requested to do so to ensure that all information is up-to-date and accurate.

Old Business:

There was reflection and discussion regarding the meeting at Coventry Place last month.

In an effort to give the new Commission members an opportunity to become acclimated, it was decided to defer scheduling another congregate site visit until the September meeting.

Yvette reminded everyone about the upcoming Pre-Juneteenth celebration next Thursday, June 15.

The remainder of the funds in the COA current year budget was used to purchase round tables for the senior center. Members expressed the desire to use a portion of the new fiscal year funds to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys.

Public Comments:

At the request of the National Council on Aging, Senior services staff recently participated in an interview with the Connecticut Public News Service Radio to promote senior centers in general and what we do in Bloomfield, specifically.

It was recently announced that senior centers across the state, including Bloomfield, are eligible for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds through the state of Connecticut.

Senior Services is partnering with Social & Youth Services and with Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services on a new intergenerational program *Generations on the Move*. The group recently traveled to the New England Aquarium in Boston and to the Bronx Zoo.

The annual Father's Day Breakfast will take place at 9:30 am on Friday, June 16.

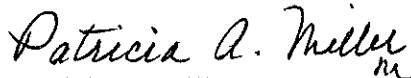
There will be a pre-Juneteenth paint night party at 5:30 pm on Friday, June 16.

Pat made a motion to accept the May minutes; Peter seconded. All were in favor. The minutes are approved.

Bob made a motion to adjourn; Bob seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Everyone was reminded that the Commission does not meet in July or August. The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, September 6.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Patricia A. Miller
Secretary

Have a wonderful summer!