

FINAL  
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting  
October 4, 2023

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

Guests: Yvette Huyghue-Pannell & Amy-Beth Sirard (senior services liaison), Kay Sherman

Absent: Darrell Goodwin, Joaner Weidman

The meeting was called to order at 12:39 pm.

Old Business

Need confirmation that Darrell, Shirley and Joaner have been sworn in as Commission members.

There are still two vacancies on the Commission; these are seats that need to be filled by individuals not affiliated with the democratic party.

Vacancy for the position of Commission on Aging secretary. Still need a volunteer.

Barbara Reisner will check with Ezra at Stratford Associates about the possibility of an off-site meeting at Interfaith Village in November.

In order to receive the National Council on Aging \$10,000 grant for senior centers, 100 individuals must receive flu shots at the senior center. There will be a clinic on Tuesday, October 17, from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon and from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Reminder that Bloomfield Senior Services will host an LGBTQ Moveable Senior Center Program starting at 1:30 pm on Thursday, October 19. Greater Hartford Legal Aid attorney Shirley Pripstein and Probate Judge Daniel Mara will be guest speakers. Librarians from Bloomfield and Avon will have information about programming they have scheduled. The event is open to members of the LGBTQ community, as well as anyone else who would like to attend.

There was further discussion with regard to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Members were basically in support of the idea of a canopy but also wanted to know if there is a "Plan B."

Public Comments

The fall Shred Day is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 7.

Kaye asked for a copy of the mission statement.

Hartford HealthCare will present a 5-week series on Dementia & Caregiving. The group will meet on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 pm.

Senior Services is partnering with Bloomfield Public Library to host "A Caregiver's Guide to Finances" presented by the Alzheimer's Association. This event will take place at 5:00 pm on Monday, October 23, and is open to any interested adults.

The pool tables in the senior center are in need of repair. Bob volunteered to contact a pool repair company.

There has been a delay in the start of the State of Connecticut Aging in Place program. It is now expected that applications will be available October 10.

FoodShare has advised that they will not provide Thanksgiving turkeys this year as they have in the past. Yvette is working to come up with an alternative plan.

Bob made a motion to accept the June minutes; Peter seconded. The minutes are approved.

Barbara made a motion to accept the September minutes; Bob seconded. The minutes are approved.

Shirley made a motion to adjourn; Bob seconded. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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