

**Commission on Aging  
Regular Meeting  
Marlborough Town Hall  
Thursday October 19, 2023  
4:00 PM**

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**1. Call to Order**

Colleen Kaplan called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM. Members present were Donna Mosher, Barbara Armfield, Rita McGary and Dianne Greco.

Absent: Melissa Jordan

**2. Approval of September 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Barbara Armfield made a motion to approve the September 21, 2023 minutes as submitted. Donna Mosher seconded the motion.**

**All voted in favor.**

**3. Update: Senior Center Director, Vi Schwarzmann – vaccine clinics?**

Director not present.

C. Kaplan reported the vaccine clinic was held but not well attended. Discussed lack of advertising.

The commission discussed the senior center van. It is currently available 3 days per week. Discussed whether a larger van and/or one available 5 days per week would be utilized.

Bingo has started at the Senior Center but the time of the event was not included in the Rivereast Bulletin advertisement.

Discussed lack of notice for senior events/activities.

D. Greco suggested the name "The Commission on Aging" be changed to "The Commission on Well Being and Aging".

Discussed drafting a letter to the Board of Selectmen with concerns including lack of advertising for senior events, senior center resistance to volunteers, lack of notice of activities, the format of Senior Center news in the Rivereast News Bulletin and lack of Senior Center drivers.

**4. Progress on our next events - Vi**

- Pot Luck Event with a Band  
No information
  
- Mystery Dinner  
No information

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- Holiday Movie with Pizza  
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**5. Updates From Visits to Other Senior Centers**

C. Kaplan and D. Greco visited two local senior centers. Commission members will continue visits and ask questions regarding senior center transportation, trips, meals (how many, where, cost), activities, how activities are promoted, budgets and how they get seniors involved. Donna will contact Columbia, Diane - Portland, Rita - East Haddam and Barbara - East Hampton.

Discussed speaker options through the Connecticut Historical Society including "Taverns of Connecticut". D. Greco/D. Mosher to contact Bakery regarding hosting the event. Chose tentative date of January 28, 2024.

Discussed how to implement and promote Senior Center events.

**6. Review UR Community Cares Presentation at East Hampton Senior Center**

C. Kaplan reported UR community cares will present their program October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center.

**7. Public Comments**

None

**8. Adjourn**

Rita McGary made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 PM. B. Armfield seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk