

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
May 9, 2016**

PRESENT: Dr. Barwick, Kathryn Miller, Shirley Ryan, Patty Sansone, Nancy Sheetz, Donna Snyder, Bruce Sullivan, David Watkins; **Staff Present:** Sandra Yost

Dr. Barwick confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Kathryn Miller, seconded by Bruce Sullivan, the Commission voted (7-0-0) to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016 as written.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Shirley Ryan is the volunteer of the month for April for bringing the Commission's concerns to the public session of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Shirley reported she gave a synopsis of the Commission's concerns and it was well received. There will be another public meeting in September.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Activities & Transportation

- All the grants have been submitted. Ms. Yost will present to the Granby Community Fund tomorrow evening and to the NCAAA next week.
- The CT DOT grant has also been submitted. Their support offsets the cost for the van driver and their response is expected in June.
- Over the summer, Ms. Yost and Marisa DeLuca, Program Assistant, will develop an "Aging in Place" program. This is a national program which provides information and resources on issues that arise as individual's age and what may be needed to allow them to remain in their home. The program will begin on Monday, September 19th. There will be four sessions that will be held every other Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The first session will be on housing. Ms. Yost stated they can modify the program and they are also looking for a new name. Some suggestions were "Strategic Planning for the What If's in Life", "Exploring the What If's As You Age", etc. David Watkins recommended the program also be marketed to individuals assisting parents or other family members with these issues. Donna Snyder suggested a session that provides information on what individuals can do with "their treasures" as they downsize. This discussion will continue at next month's meeting. Ms. Yost stated the Civic Engagement Group is looking at this also.
- A decision has not yet been decided regarding what will happen with the old van.

SENIOR CLUB

- The checkbook balance is \$1,904.57.

OLD BUSINESS

- The ad-hoc subcommittee met with Ms. Yost the week before last. They suggested one session of the Aging in Place program be a tutorial on using the 211 system as the State no longer provides this service. They also felt there is not much more they can do at this point until the Aging in Place Program is held and they have a better idea on what specific resources are being looked at. **ON A MOTION BY** David Watkins, second by Patty Sansone, the Commission voted (7-0-0) the ad hoc sub-committee suspend meeting until after the Aging in Place program is held.
- In regard to the strategic plan, David Watkins suggested each member of the Commission pick one strategy for the purpose of review. At next month's meeting, it will be decided what strategy each member will be assigned to cover. Because the Commission does not meet over the summer, the members can come back in the fall ready for the discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Chairman received official notification of Donna Snyder's appointment to the Commission. It was requested that an updated member list be distributed with the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Shirley Ryan, seconded by Kathryn Miller, the Commission voted (7-0-0) to adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary