

**TOWN OF GRANBY
COMMISSION ON AGING
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
June 13, 2016**

PRESENT: Karen Hood, Neil Kraner, Kathryn Miller, Shirley Ryan, Patty Sansone, Donna Snyder, Bruce Sullivan, David Watkins; **Staff Present:** Sandra Yost

In Dr. Barwick's absence, acting Chairman David Watkins confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Donna Snyder, seconded by Kathryn Miller, the Commission voted (8-0-0) to approve the minutes of May 9, 2016 as written.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

- Jim Donaldson, Veteran Liaison for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, is the volunteer of the month for May.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Activities & Transportation

- NCAAAA awarded additional funds to the Grandparent's Support Group and the Civic Engagement Group. Funding of Healthy Minds remained the same.
- The State DOT matches the \$28,000 grant to offset the cost of the full-time van driver.
- Year-end reports are due June 30th.

SENIOR CLUB

- The checkbook balance is \$1,904.57.
- The ice cream social is scheduled for July 10th at 1:30 p.m. The Solid Oak Band will perform. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$15 family maximum.
- A barbeque will be held on July 22nd at 12:30 p.m. Pulled pork sandwiches and hotdogs will be served. The cost is \$6 per person.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Strategic Plan:**

At last month's meeting, everyone was asked to review the Strategic Plan and pick one element to champion. This would entail working with staff to determine if we're meeting that element, what is needed to get it done, etc.

1.1 - David Watkins; 2.1 - David Watkins; 2.2 – everyone; 3.1 – Neil Kraner & Bruce Sullivan; 3.4 – Donna Snyder; 3.5 Patty Sansone & Donna Snyder; 5.7 – Kathryn Miller; 6.1 – Shirley Ryan & Kathryn Miller; 8.1 – Karen Hood; 9.4 – Neil Kraner & Karen Hood

It was also agreed that part of both 3.4 (increase municipal funding) and 3.5 (increase the role and participation of the COA in its advocacy of the Granby Senior Center in securing financial stability) should be assigned to the Chairman. The Commission needs to advocate for seniors and for additional funding from the town. The Chairman would serve as spokesperson with presentations to the Board of Selectmen at various times during the year.

- **Aging in Place**

The program will meet every other Monday beginning on September 19th. Four of the meetings have been planned so far:

1. Introduction to Program (S. Yost, M. DeLuca)
2. Housing (exploring the ability to remain in one's current living situation)
3. Financial (Attorney George Bickford)
4. Medical (Michele Psutka, Meadowbrook Social Worker)

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a discussion regarding extending meetings to every month (the Commission currently does not meet during the summer) and changing the time of the meeting. **ON A MOTION BY** Shirley Ryan, seconded by Patty Sansone, the Commission voted (9-0-0) to meet at 9:00 a.m. the second Monday of the month. A special meeting will be called for the months of July and August.
- A draft of by-laws was distributed. The draft includes the Commission having a Chair and Co-Chair. In the meantime, Bruce Sullivan will act as Co-Chair if necessary. Some other suggestions were to define a quorum, add members with varying areas of expertise (i.e., financial, medical, etc.). A conversation regarding by-laws will be held at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Karen Hood, seconded by Kathryn Miller, the Commission voted (8-0-0) to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary