

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, July 27, 2022
11:00 AM

Town Clerk Note:
There was not a quorum of members at this meeting. Motions will need to be re-voted on at the next regular meeting.

PRESENT: Pamela Wilcox-Dapkus, Roselani Ferguson (via phone), Lynn Tracey

ABSENT: Elaine Cote, Janet Colonghi, Ruth Maio

1. CHAIR CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Roselani called the meeting to order at 1110 in the lower level of the Senior Center, located at 7 Waverly Avenue, Portland, CT 06480

2. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

1112 hours, Pamela Wilcox-Dapkus called for motion to approve 2nd by Roselani Ferguson

3. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reviewed the donation of Grant Money. Advised technology was ordered so the donors can see the money is being used appropriately. Money is used for intergenerational programs/technology programs, and we will be utilizing Portland High School Students or maybe local college students assist in helping during classroom time.
- B. UR Community Cares. Successful Ice Cream Social was held, a great response. Money from one of the grants will be used to conduct background checks on potential employees/volunteers. At this time the Social Work Intern program will not take place, too complicated at this time with all the requirements.
- C. Business Backing: Newsletters have come out, and everyone is quite pleased with them. We are still in need of local businesses to place an ad for support.
- D. Update on the refurbished chairs, they are returning within the next two weeks. Roselani motioned for approval, 2nd by Pamela & Lynn

4. NEW BUSINESS

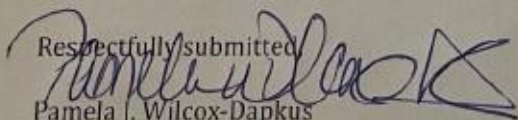
- A. Senior Citizen Budget Fiscal '22-'23 was accepted.
- B. Meals on Wheels will start September 13th, 2022. 220 Meals per week will be provided Monday through Thursday. Volunteers are still needed.
- C. Grant update – We were awarded the \$725K CDBG Grant. Items addressed will be the Sr Center kitchen, HVAC, A/C Compressor, Generator installation, and making the kitchen ADA Compliant. Requirement for the grant is that the delivery of meals during this time be provided.
- D. Transportation Issues- Due to budget constraints, the town is unable to assist all requests for transportation to residents for medical appointments. Residents are concerned and First Selectman Ryan Curley is asking to hear from residents should they have any questions or concerns. Some residents have been referred to UR Community Cares to find volunteers for rides, and ideas such as Red Cross and Veteran programs will be looked into if there are any transportation programs available to Veterans in Portland.
- E. M.A.T. – The Mass Transit bussing in Middletown is now going to merge with The Estuary Transit. Routes will expand to several more towns, provide curb to curb service at no charge for many passengers who are 65+ or the disabled.
- F. Upcoming Events - New Intergenerational Program will start in September /October. A free Family History program which currently receives positive feedback in E Hampton; upcoming Mystery Lunch; Trivia Night; Trip to Gloucester via Charter; Covid Booster and Flu Clinic; Downton Abbey Presentation; Health and Wellness Fair = are programs residents can look forward to soon.

5. Public Comment/Feedback

Lynn mentioned 2 instructors are out with COVID and one member of the Sr Board has also tested positive. Masks are currently not required but are encouraged, to help keep everyone safe.

Senior Center will be getting a small facelift. Building will be power washed, doors painted, and the garden area will be spruced up to make the center look welcoming to all.

6. Adjourn Meeting @ 1150 hours

Respectfully submitted

Pamela J. Wilcox-Dapkus