

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
COMMISSION ON AGING

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FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER

The mission of the Franklin Commission on Aging is to provide information and services to the aging population, their families, and their care providers.

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FRANKLIN COMMISSION ON AGING HELD
AT THE FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER AT 12:30
PM ON TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Thomas Shakun called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.
PRESENT: Commission Members Margaret Ayer, Susan Dagenais, Alison Dvorak, Donald Eccleston, John Garosshen, Judy Marrotte, and Judi Novosad. ABSENT: Laura Wheeler.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Edna Handfield and Paityn Hastings.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Shakun added Discussion of New Member to the agenda. Mr. Shakun recognized Mrs. Handfield. Mrs. Handfield expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Commission on Aging. Mr. Shakun asked the clerk to request that the Board of Selectmen consider and act upon Mrs. Handfield's appointment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Eccleston made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 12th. Mrs. Marrotte seconded the motion. Mrs. Ayer, Mrs. Dvorak, and Mrs. Novosad abstained. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

A) MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY: Mrs. Dvorak read Mrs. Wheeler's submission for the month of June, which reported that she had fielded twelve telephone calls and provided information on medical services and home-based care.

B) SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Mrs. Dvorak read Mrs. Wheeler's submission for the month of June, which reported that the regular monthly activities of Bingo, Birthday Celebrations, Coffee and Conversation, and Games had been held. It also reported that three presentations were held at the center: one from Thames Valley Council for Community Action on preventing dehydration, one from Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium on reimbursements for medical-related travel expenses, and one from Connecticut Community Care on home-based programs. It also reported that First Selectman Charles Grant had begun a monthly visit to the senior center for question and answer sessions during lunch. It also reported that four luncheon trips were taken: one to Bozrah Pizza Restaurant, one to Costello's Seafood Restaurant in Noank, one to Gina Marie's Restaurant in Hebron, and one to Oliver's Dairy Bar and Grille in North Windham. In all, 53 people attended the events at the senior center, and 61 people attended the trips. Mr. Shakun reiterated that he would like to see more coverage in the 'Lebanon Life' monthly newsletter; Mrs. Novosad noted that space constraints sometimes prohibited larger placements but that First Selectman Grant may be able to suggest a larger layout to go along with his monthly Franklin column.

C) MEAL SITE MANAGER: Mrs. Dagenais reported that she had been ordering 15 meals a week, but because all meals must be tied to registration forms, she could now only order 13 meals (or the number of pre-registered participants) per week. Discussion followed on the forms, on which the name and birthdate of the participants are the only required sections.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE AND TELEVISION: The status of each of these is unknown at this time as Mrs. Wheeler was not present. Mrs. Novosad checked the recreation room and noted that the television was still in its box.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) REVIEW OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Mr. Shakun inquired about the status of the art class to be led by Mr. Eccleston, which is unknown at this time as Mrs. Wheeler was not present.

Mr. Shakun inquired about the distribution of the brochure. It was determined to print at most 150 in color for display at local organizations and municipal agencies.

Mrs. Dvorak reported that vouchers for farmers' market were available for 2018; Mrs. Dagenais noted that there were some at the senior center, and Mrs. Dvorak noted that the Senior Resources Agency on Aging had more, available at the main desk on Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Novosad reported that a Community Tag Sale would be held at the Ashbel Woodward Museum on August 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants may sell items free of charge, but must pre-register. Refreshments will also be sold.

Mrs. Dvorak reported that the Southeast Healthy Living Expo would be held at Griswold High School on August 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Mrs. Dvorak asked if anyone, especially the newer members and the prospective member, had suggestions for other programs or activities at the center. Mrs. Handfield noted that there was an upcoming trip planned for a tour of local lighthouses by boat. Mr. Garosshen noted that the Bozrah Senior Center was also planning a similar trip. Mrs. Dvorak noted that perhaps the trip, or others like it, could be jointly taken.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: This will be held at the senior center at 12:30 p.m. on August 14th.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Dagenais made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Dvorak seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
TRACI L. HASTINGS, CLERK
COMMISSION ON AGING