

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
COMMISSION ON AGING

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FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER
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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 APRIL, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Thomas Shakun called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. PRESENT: Commission Members Margaret Ayer, Susan Dagenais, Alison Dvorak, Donald Eccleston, Judy Marrotte, Judi Novosad, and Laura Wheeler. ABSENT: None.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: The Commission recognized John, who attends programs at the senior center and is interested in joining the Commission.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The regularly scheduled meeting for March 13th was cancelled due to inclement weather. Mrs. Novosad made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular February 13th meeting. Mr. Eccleston seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

- A) FEBRUARY REPORT FROM THE MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY: Mrs. Wheeler reported that she had helped residents with applications for energy assistance and social services, and fielded 28 telephone calls to the center.
- B) MARCH REPORT FROM THE MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY: Mrs. Wheeler reported that she had helped residents with applications for energy assistance and social services, and fielded 10 telephone calls to the center.
- C) FEBRUARY REPORT FROM THE SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Mrs. Wheeler reported that the regular monthly activities of Bingo, Coffee and Conversation, and Games were held, and representatives from the United Community Family Services and the Thames Valley Council for Community Action presented programs at the center. She also reported that luncheon trips were taken to the Norwich Regional Technical School's culinary program, to the Olive Garden in Waterford, to the Royal Buffet in Willimantic, to the Village Pizza Restaurant in Preston, and to the Windham Regional Technical School's culinary program. In all, 32 people attended programs at the center, and 70 people attended the trips.

- D) **MARCH REPORT FROM THE SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM COORDINATOR:** Mrs. Wheeler reported that inclement weather caused several cancellations, but that the regular monthly activity of Bingo was held. She reported that a representative from Wild over Wildlife presented a live animal program at the center, and Christine Schulz, the librarian from the Janet Carlson Calvert Library, had coordinated a "Create Miniature Gnome Gardens" workshop at the center. Mrs. Wheeler also reported that luncheon trips were taken to Frank's Gourmet Grill in Mystic and to the Village Pizza Restaurant in Preston. In all, 37 people attended the programs at the center, and 27 people attended the trips. She also reported that two new people were now attending senior center programs.
- E) **REPORT FROM THE MEAL SITE MANAGER:** Mrs. Dagenais reported that due to the inclement weather, ten meals were served during the month of March. She also reported that the issues in the kitchen had been addressed and repaired.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **APPROVAL OF BROCHURE:** Mrs. Dvorak presented a draft of the brochure with one of Mr. Eccleston's tree designs on the front. Mr. Eccleston presented a new tree design. Discussion followed. Mrs. Dvorak will create a new draft with the latest design on the front and incorporate photographs into the body of the brochure, and present it at the May meeting for final approval by the Commission.
- B) **DISCUSSION OF SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE ISSUES AT THE CENTER:** Mrs. Wheeler reported that Mr. Grant is still working on the issue of having a telephone in the main rooms, but addressed the issues in the kitchen. Mrs. Wheeler reported that she had sent a letter to Comcast requesting the donation of a newer model television set for the center. Mrs. Dvorak reported that she had suggested to the Boy Scout Troop that a scout working toward his Eagle Scout badge might coordinate a fundraiser for a new television, but even if that proposal is adopted, it will take time. Mrs. Novosad noted that when the current municipal spending freeze is lifted, it would be reasonable to purchase an inexpensive television from the senior center's line item.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **REVIEW OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:** Mrs. Dvorak reported on several upcoming events through the 2018 Franklin Life Committee celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the Franklin Congregational Church and the beginnings of the town. They include an Earth Day hike on April 22nd, a Family Run on May 5th, the annual Friends of the Library Mother's Day Plant Sale on May 12th, the annual Memorial Day Event on May 28th, and the Ashbel Woodward Museum's participation in Connecticut Open House Day on June 9th. Discussion followed on having the senior citizens attend a luncheon at the elementary school, perhaps with a performance of the school's spring play; Mrs. Dvorak will discuss possible dates with school officials.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT COMMISSION MEETING: This will be held at the senior center at 12:30 p.m. on May 8th.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Novosad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Dvorak seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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