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Commission on Aging Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2014
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STRATFORD TOWN CLERK

Attendance: Dale McClanan, Diane Puterski, Dot Zimmer, George Hangos, Geraldine Gemza, Gus Csuka, Kathy Faggella, Linda Fernandes-Johnson, Maryann Seminatore and Patricia Shaham.

Excused: Bernice Bova and Justin Rompe.

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m.

Minutes: October and November minutes approved unanimously.

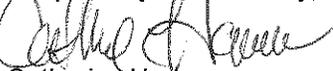
Updates:

- Director Diane Puterski mentioned that there was a potential new member for the Commission on Aging and that the paperwork is with the Mayor for approval.
- Director Puterski communicated that Senior Services has hired a new Senior Clerk Typist for the office and they are just waiting for all of the paperwork to be completed.
- A letter about Baldwin Center dues was distributed to all of the Members for edits and Director Puterski has also talked to Andrea Boissevain, the Health Director about this issue.
- Director Puterski spoke to the Town Attorney about forming a 501c3 to allow the Baldwin Center accept donations and has begun to research how to bring this process. Dale McClanan has volunteered to help with this.
- Director Puterski updated the Commission on the progress with the Wellness Park – a committee will be formed soon to help with the next steps to move the park forward.
- Access Independence has said that they will act as a fiduciary for the Wellness Park if the 501c3 is not set-up.
- The Town Attorney is reviewing how the Baldwin Center can accept a one time donation from an individual.
- Director Puterski is working on Community Development Block Grants to increase hours for the Outreach Program and other necessary updates for the Baldwin Center.
- Dot Zimmer asked about leaf/snow removal for seniors - Director Puterski stated that the Sterling House has a list of volunteers that are available.
- Members of the Commission on Aging visited the Westport Senior Center to observe how the meal plan works at that facility - overall, the Members thought that they did a good job with various options. There was some concern about the cost.
- Gus Csuka spoke to some attendees of the Stratford Meal Program and asked if they would consider paying more for better options and they thought it was a good idea but also that attendance would probably decrease by about half if that happened.
- Director Puterski is working to get a hold of the contract with CW Resources to figure out other options – the Nutrition Program will be renewed on October 1, 2015.
- Gus Csuka mentioned that the kitchen at the Baldwin Center should be professionally cleaned. Director Puterski has researched this and the cost will be \$450.
- Director Puterski is looking into offering other items in the coffee shop (i.e. soup & sandwiches) and Kathy Faggella has been helping with this.
- Maryann Seminatore expressed the need to have Catholic Charities to help with the meal program since the current one is unsatisfactory.
- Director Puterski stated that the Mitten Tree Party was a huge success with over 400 hats/scarves/mittens donated to 4 different organizations.
- Director Puterski mentioned that the new custodian at the Baldwin Center is getting excellent feedback and everyone seems very pleased.
- **Motion to adjourn by George Hangos and seconded by Dale McClanan.**

Meeting concluded at 10:56 a.m.

Next Meeting – January 13, 2015

Respectfully submitted by,


Catherine Hausmann