Commission on Aging Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2014
10:02 a.m. – 10:54 a.m.

Attendance: Dale McClanan, Diane Puterski, George Hangos, Kathy Faggella, Linda Fernandes-Johnson, Maryann Seminatore and Kathy Beardsworth

Excused: Bernice Bova, Dot Zimmer, Geraldine Gemza, Gus Csuka, Justin Rompe, Patricia Shaham and Edith Drost

Call to Order: 10:02 a.m.

Minutes: Approved unanimously.

Updates:

- Director Diane Puterski gave an update about the Family Caregiver Grant – they have received more funding to increase hours and the counselor did not want more hours so she resigned.
- Director Puterski is currently filling in for the Family Caregiver Counselor until they work with HR to find a replacement.
- Transportation is going well – they are busy with out of town doctor appointments and they did not receive the grant for the new vehicle.
- C.A.R.E.S. Program has very low enrollment – Director Puterski recently sent out new marketing materials and is working on various other methods raise the attendance.
- Dale McClanan suggested to makes calls to people to help attendance for the C.A.R.E.S. Program – Director Puterski is working on this and suggested they make more calls and brainstorm other ideas to help.
- Director Puterski mentioned they are looking at other options for the C.A.R.E.S. Program such as having various levels that offer different pricing, more convenient hours and the ability to bring in own aid.
- Kathy Beardsworth, a guest at the meeting, suggested that they host a public forum to help residents understand what is available and how to avoid caregiver burnout.
- Director Puterski talked about transportation for people in the Valley and there is a plan for the future but it is not immediate. She spoke with the Town about providing rides until then but the feedback was to make sure all Stratford Seniors are taken care of first.
- Director Puterski said that the Wellness Park is not currently moving forward – She is researching other grants or other ways to fund the park.
- The Big E at the Big B was a successful event.
- Director Diane Puterski mentioned Public Works is working on having two rooms painted and the parking lot repainted at the Baldwin Center.
- Dale McClanan mentioned that the Health Department should be more specific about vaccinations that are available since there is conflicting information available to the public.
- **Motion to adjourn by Kathy Faggella and seconded by Dale McClanan.**

Meeting concluded at 10:55 a.m.
Next Meeting – November 18, 2014

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