



Commission on Aging Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2015
10:03 a.m. – 11:07 a.m.

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

Excused: Bernice Bova and Dale McClanan

Call to Order: 10:03 a.m.

Minutes: December Minutes approved unanimously.

Updates:

- Director Diane Puterski has begun to work on the FY16 budget – would like to add a part-time position for the outreach program and she has asked for attendance at the public meetings to help push for the addition position.
- Director Puterski has met with Split Rock regarding a possible donation from them for the Wellness Park.
- 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 being this process.
- New activities at the Baldwin Center are going well and Director Puterski would like to add new ideas for the Spring/Summer.
- Director Puterski is going to review the lunch program because of low attendance.
- Director Puterski is also looking for new furniture for the Center from closing businesses or other low cost places – Patricia Shaham suggested looking online or placing an ad in the CT Post for potential leads.
- Patricia Shaham also suggested that Director Puterski talk to the Tax Assessor's Office about the possibility of adding an additional location for when the hold the Board of Tax Review in September to make it more accessible for seniors.
- Director Puterski asked the Commission to communicate to other members that weather cancellations for the Center do not follow the Board of Education closing schedule and all information about the Baldwin Center will be put on Channel 8, Channel 3 and will also be on the WICC radio. The meal program runs on a separate schedule and individual instructors can also cancel classes even if the Center is open.
- Kathy Faggella mentioned that the moving the book club was helpful but wanted to know the reason for the move. Director Puterski said that there was an issue with the heat which should be fixed.
- Director Puterski mentioned that Public Works was doing a good job with sand/salt in the parking lot and that the new custodian is doing a wonderful job.
- George Hangos asked about warming centers being open when it is cold out – Director Puterski mentioned that the Emergency Services should be open if people need them.
- Justin Rompe mentioned that the Health Department will be hosting two workshops on Diabetes – 55 & younger: Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 from 6:00-8:30pm – 55 & older: March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8 1:00-3:30pm – both held at the Baldwin Center coffee shop with required registration.
- Gus Csuka asked about when the contract with CW Resources is up – Director Puterski mentioned that in 2016 new bids will be sent out with a decision made in June 2016.
- Gus Csuka would like to see if Stratford can have other options for the meal program other than CW – will call other Senior Centers to find out all of the details on how they handle meal programs.
- Kathy Faggella asked if the need for the meal program was still there – Director Puterski is going to evaluate the need; with in-home caregivers and premade meals the demands may have changed.
- Director Puterski asked the Commission for two volunteers to be on the Elderly Advisory Council – meetings are held in various locations and are held on the 2nd Wednesday at 10:00am every month.
- **Motion to adjourn by Geraldine Gemza and seconded by Maryann Seminatore.**

**Meeting concluded at 11:07 a.m.

Next Meeting – February 10, 2015

Respectfully submitted by,


Catherine Hausmann