



**Commission on Aging Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
10:04 a.m. – 10:57 a.m.**

Attendance: Andrea Boissevain, Carl Glad, Dale McClanan, Diane Puterski, Geraldine Gemza, Gus Csuka, Kathy Faggella, Linda Fernandes-Johnson, Patricia Shaham and Maryann Seminatore.

Excused: George Hangos

Call to Order: 10:04 a.m.

Minutes: December minutes amended.

Updates:

- Chairman Kathy Faggella updated the Commission about the by-law meeting – Dale McClanan, Geraldine Gemza & Carl Glad assisted in modifying the current by-laws – standing committees were eliminated and the Commission will add committees as needed. Chairman Faggella stated that they will discuss the revisions to the by-laws at the February meeting.
- Andrea Boissevain suggested that they add the Town of Stratford seal to the document and a revision history on the bottom
- Chairman Faggella asked the Commission to think about current Commission membership
- Andrea Boissevain mentioned that the Health Department was doing a survey to see what aging populations are looking for in the community and she will share this information with the Commission on Aging.
- Attorney Carl Glad spoke about the status of the 501c3 – the Rotary Club is still working on this and there was a small hold up in the process - if the Rotary Club does not work out Attorney Glad will work on a different method of obtaining the 501c3.
- Chairman Faggella asked if any members have comments on the Nutrition Program – Dale McClanan questioned if the program is meeting the objective of people needing the program vs. people wanting to participate. Gus Csuka also commented that the donation amount is much lower than the suggested \$3 & Fairfield Senior Center is experiencing the same results.
- Attorney Glad asked if Director Puterski had physical data on participation to analyze the data – Gus Csuka stated the participation was anywhere from 25-50 – Geraldine Gemza asked if this program was becoming more about the socialization rather than a meal – Andrea Boissevain asked if the 2 days advanced notice was too much and Gus Csuka stated that Fairfield requires 3 days notice. Director Puterski spoke with the Mayor about the Nutrition Program and what to do with funding from the Town – Mayor Harkins stated that it was up to Director Puterski on what to do with the program, she is meeting with Fairfield Senior Center & Area Agency soon and she is going to recommend returning to the old program.
- Director Puterski spoke about the Wellness Park – they are hoping for ground breaking in Spring 2016 & Michael Cohen will begin to develop phase 2 of the planning.
- Director Puterski spoke about the new vehicle for the Baldwin Center – they are waiting on the State DOT for the appointment to review needs – after this meeting it will take about 9 months to receive the vehicle.
- Director Puterski spoke about the Grant Programs – Chairman Faggella asked if the Commission could receive data on home visits – Director Puterski mentioned she will have Mary Balog, the Outreach Coordinator/Family Caregiver Counselor attend the next meeting – She is also looking into the possibility of having a "sub-office" in the North End.
- Chairman Faggella asked about the Bereavement Program – Director Puterski stated the support group was starting February and she was going to be meeting with the Galello-Luchansky Funeral Home on January 15th.

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- Director Puterski stated the new Policies & Procedures document is out and has been advertised in the newsletter – she is working the with Fire Department to have the evacuation maps placed on the walls at the Baldwin Center.
- Director Puterski stated that the all registration money collected will remain with the Baldwin Center going forward.
- Director Puterski attended the Budget Workshops held by the Town Council – they asked is there was a Council Member on the Commission – Director Puterski stated it was not in the By-Laws and that she would bring it up to the Commission for decision – the Commission voted unanimously to not have a Council Member but will be writing an open letter inviting them to attend any meeting.
- Chairman Faggella asked about Elections – Linda Fernandes-Johnson made a motion to keep all Officers in place – Gus Csuka seconded the motion

- **Motion to adjourn by Dale McClanan and seconded by Geraldine Gemza.**

Meeting concluded at 10:57 a.m.

****Next Meeting – February 9, 2016****

Respectfully submitted by,



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