Sherman Commission on Aging
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2015
Mallory Town Hall, 6:00 PM

Present: J. Wey, A. Jellen, J. McRoberts, S. McMahon and E. Hayes

Absent: J. Garcia

Public & Invited: Social Services Director, B. Trott, D. Lowe, C. Faure and Commission Clerk C. Branson

Call to Order: Chair, J. Wey Called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2015:

Commissioner E. Hayes Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting September 21, 2015 with amendment to Senior Center Discussion, Motion: replace the work “seek” to “use”.

Seconded by: S. McMahon

Vote: For: Unanimous

Old Business

Senior Center Report:

Social Services Director, B. Trott delivered the monthly report. Suzette is recovering from her shoulder injury and hopeful to return soon. The State Commission on Aging held a seminar surrounding Towns attended as well. Topics covered were: Transportation and Housing for Seniors. Commissioner Ritter will address these issues on a State level. A handout was disbursed to the Commission from NASAUD.org entitled “Aging in America; we can do better”. Listening sessions will take place regionally over the next several months regarding on how Towns and Cities are accommodating the elderly communities to facilitate aging in place. Discussion moved to updates at the Senior Center. Ms. Trott reported 80 children were in attendance to hear the TED talk discussion given by A. Jellen regarding the Ellis Island Immigration process. The 4th grade took a trip to visit Ellis Island.

Senior Center Security Discussion Senior Center Technology Discussion

Commissioner E. Hayes reached out to First Selectman Cope requesting a doorbell system be installed at all doors for security. Mr. Cope stated he has requested the work to be done by a local contractor. Mr. Hayes will follow up next month.

Sherman Demographics

Commissioner McMahon provided a population report of Sherman’s Seniors broken down by age range, there are 1,007 registered voters over the age of 60 currently living in Sherman.

Duties of Secretary

The Commission discussed the various duties of the Secretary. The official keeper of the binder was determined to be of highest priority. This is where a member directory, meeting schedule, meeting minutes and related materials will be chronicled and updated on a monthly basis. Also to be included will be newspaper articles pertaining either to the Commission or Seniors. Commissioner Jellen will be given the binder for review.
Flu Clinic Follow-up

Chair, J. Wey thanked all those who volunteered assisting with forms and copies of medical cards at the clinic. Over 60 flu shots were administered.

New Business

2016 Schedule of Meetings

The Commission discussed a 2016 schedule of meetings. They were in agreement the day of the month as well as the time works with everyone’s schedule. The Clerk will draft a copy to the Commission to be voted on at the next meeting. Adjustments will need to be made to accommodate holidays, the Commissioner agreed to follow the same schedule as the Housing Commission.

Adjournment

Commissioner E. Hayes Adjourned the Meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
October 26, 2015
APPROVED AS WRITTEN AT THE NOVEMBER 16, 2015 REGULAR MEETING