

## SHERMAN COMMISSION ON AGING

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 15 Oct. 2018, 6:00 PM

Mallory Town Hall

**Members Present:** Chairman, J.Wey, E. Hayes, J.McRoberts, A.Jellen, R.Hudson, P.Werme

**Members Absent:** J. Garcia, S.McMahon

**Also:** L. Whitney, clerk, S. Berger

**Call to Order:** Chairman, J.Wey called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of 17 Sept. 2018 as written by J.McRoberts

Seconded by: E. Hayes

Vote for: unanimous

**Senior Center/Social Services Report:**

S. Berger thanked the volunteers for a successful flu clinic on Oct. 3. 65 people received flu shots.

She reminded the COA of the Aging in America movie showing on 16 Oct. 2018 at 4:00PM at the Senior Center.

On 1 Nov. 2018 there is a Hospice Breakfast at the Amber Room at 7:30 AM. The Senior Center has a table with available space.

The Fire Marshall gave an engaging talk for fire prevention week. The Senior Center is planning a July trip to The Hartford Yardgoats baseball game. Tickets are \$7.00.

The Senior Center will provide transportation to the polls on Election Day.

The Elder Law Seminar at the JCC was very successful. S.Berger thanked the COA for the hearing assist devices they purchased. They were all utilized during the Elder Law Seminar.

On 14 Nov. 2018 the SPTO will host their annual Senior Luncheon at the Sherman School at 1:30 PM.

On 20 Nov. 2018 John Cilio and Jan Desiato will present a program on WW1 at 11:30 AM at the Senior Center. J.McRoberts made a motion for the COA to provide pizza for the event. E.Hayes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## Old Business:

A discussion was held on the sustainability of using the JCC as a temporary venue for larger Senior Center functions. The pros were that the space is large and comfortable. The cons were:

- the driveway and parking lot are difficult to walk through
- the background noise makes listening to a presenter difficult
- the front door is not handicap accessible
- turning right as you exit the parking lot is dangerous as there is limited visibility due to overgrown brush and a utility pole in the sight line
- the cost of using the JCC has yet to be determined

Possibly using the ESF for larger Senior Center events was also discussed. The parking and lighting in the parking area is better but the ESF does not have a handicap access entrance and the lavatory doors are heavy. A possible solution to the background noise was suggested, purchasing moveable partitions would help absorb the sound. S.Berger will try to reserve the ESF for the 20 Nov. 2018 WW1 presentation to test it out as a possible temporary venue.

## New Business:

The discussion on the formation of an exploratory committee regarding overcrowding and unsafe conditions at the Senior Center has been postponed to the 19 Nov. 2018 meeting.

Tentative dates for the 2019 COA meetings are:

28 Jan. 2019 at 4:00 PM

25 Feb. 2019 at 4:00 PM

18 March 2019 at 6:00 PM

15 April 2019 at 6:00 PM

20 May 2019 at 6:00 PM

17 June 2019 at 6:00 PM

15 July 2019 at 6:00 PM

No August Meeting

16 Sept. 2019 at 6:00 PM

21 Oct. 2019 at 6:00 PM

18 Nov. 2019 at 6:00 PM

No December Meeting

**Adjournment:**

**R. Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM**

**J. McRoberts seconded the motion**

**Meeting was unanimously adjourned**

The next meeting will be 19 Nov. 2018 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Whitney

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