

**Town of Sherman  
Commission on Aging  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 28, 2019**

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**Members Present:** J. Wey, A. Jellen, S. McMahon, J. McRoberts, and Alternate:  
P. Werme

**Members Absent:** J. Garcia, and E. Hayes

**Audience and Invited:** D. Lowe, S. Berger and L. Arnold

**Call to Order:**

**Chair, J. Wey Called the Meeting to Order at 4:10pm**

**Alternate P. Werme was Elevated to Voting Member  
status for the duration of this Meeting.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Regular Monthly Meeting of 19 Nov. 2018

**J. McRoberts Moved** to Approve the Minutes of Regular  
Monthly Meeting November 19, 2018 as written.

**Seconded by:** A. Jellen                      **Vote: For: Unanimous**

**Old Business:**

**Senior Art Show:**

Chair, J. Wey stated the dates that the library has offered for the Senior Art Show. July 18<sup>th</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup> or August 29<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Following discussion the Commission agreed on August 29<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**J. McRoberts Moved** to Approve the dates of the Annual  
Sherman Senior Art Show to be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> through  
October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Seconded by:** P. Werme                      **Vote: For: Unanimous**

**Budget FY 2019-20:**

**P. Werme Moved** to Approve the FY 2019-20 Commission on  
Aging Budget with no increase at \$2,000.00.

**Seconded by:** J. McRoberts                      **Vote: For: Unanimous**

### **Aging in America Speaker:**

Chair, J. Wey reported the speakers for this event will cost \$600.00. She met with First Selectman D. Lowe and the BoS agreed to fund a third of the cost. The Library has agreed to fund a third as well, leaving \$200.00 to be funded by the Commission on Aging.

**J. McRoberts Moved** to Approve the expenditure of up to \$200.00 to pay a third of the cost for speakers for the Aging in America event this April, 2019.

**Seconded by:** P. Werme

**Vote: For: Unanimous**

### **New Business:**

#### **Feasibility Study for the Senior Center:**

Chair, J. Wey reported she met with First Selectman D. Lowe and the BoS has agreed to assemble an ad hoc Committee to conduct a feasibility study to determine the future needs and possible new site for a Senior Center. Janet Wey and Ed Hayes have volunteered from the CoA. First Selectman Lowe stated Kevin Keenan has expressed interest from the BoS. Suzette Berger, Senior Center Coordinator has volunteered. D. Lowe stated he has a few other people in mind as well.

#### **Senior Center/Social Services Report:**

Senior Center Coordinator, S. Berger reported a new intern shall begin next week, her name is Jackie Evancore. Jackie will be at the Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next twelve weeks. Ms. Berger listed the coming month's events which include a presentation given by J. Cillio on Women's Suffrage taking place on 2/8/19 at 10:30 am. On Monday 2/11/19 beginning at 11:45 the Housing Commission shall come to meet with Seniors to begin the discussion on the future needs of Seniors in Sherman. On 2/19/19 beginning at 1:00 pm, the Library will hold a "Critters Program". On 2/21/19 at the Senior Center, Julia's Wings will be assembling bows. Ms. Berger stated there has been a steady increase this year on program attendance, specifically by male seniors. Ms. Berger stated she is hopeful the programming this year shall continue this trend.

**Introduction of Linda Arnold, possible Alternate:**

Chair, J. Wey introduced Linda Arnold from the audience. Ms. Arnold is a resident of Sherman since 2006. She is an Attorney in New Milford specifying in Estate Planning and Elder Law. She is interested in joining this Commission. Following a brief discussion, the Commission took the following action:

**J. McRoberts Moved** to Accept Linda Arnold as an Alternate member to the Commission on Aging and agreed to send a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for appointment.

**Seconded by:** P. Werme

**Vote: For: Unanimous**

**Comments by Commissioners:** No comments were made.

**Public Comment:** No comments were made from the public.

**Adjournment:**

**J. McRoberts Adjourned the Meeting at 4:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Christine Branson (acting Clerk, in the absence of Clerk, L. Whitney)  
February 22, 2019