

SHERMAN COMMISSION ON AGING

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, 25 Feb. 2019, 4:00 PM

Mallory Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman, J.Wey, S.J. McMahon, P. Werme, R. Hudson, J. McRoberts,
A. Jellen

Members Absent: E.Hayes, J. Garcia

Also: D. Lowe, First Selectman, L. Whitney, clerk, S. Berger

Call to Order: Chairman, J.Wey called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of 28 Jan. 2019 with the following changes:

- S. J. McMahon was not in attendance
- R. Hudson was not in attendance
- The Senior Art Show runs from 29 Aug. 2019 until 9 Oct. 2019 (not 29 Oct 2019)

Motion to Approve 1/28 minutes with the above changes by:J.McRoberts

Seconded by:A. Jellen

Vote for: unanimous

Senior Center/Social Services Report:

S. Berger reported that she presented the Senior Center budget request for 2019-20 to the Board of Selectmen on 2/23. The COA budget is embedded in the Senior Center budget. J. Wey requested that in the future she be made aware that budget proposals are being presented as she was unaware of the 2/23 meeting. D. Lowe will be sure to invite her and reported that mailers were sent out for budget requests. There may be a slight change in the budget line items as the VNA and the Elderly Nutrition lines may move from the Social Services budget to the Senior Center budget. S. Berger has requested an increase in clerk salaries as there is more help needed.

There are 25 people signed up for the trip to the American Pie on 2/26.

The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will be held on 13 March 2019 at 12:00 PM at the JCC. Lumos will provide the music. The suggested donation for lunch is \$3.00. There will be corned beef and cabbage served. Bakers are encouraged to bring soda bread.

The new Senior Center calendar has been sent out. The members of the COA should receive emailed copies.

There was a discussion about Bill 7102. This bill offers protection for Senior Centers around the state. The funding for this was cut out of last year's budget and there is a push to give it a more permanent status. This service filters information about state level changes to local senior centers. There is a legislative meeting to be held on 2/26.

Old Business:

On 28 April 2019 at 2:00 PM there will be a showing of the documentary, *Aging in America*, with a speaker at the library. J. Wey presented a bio for the COA on the speaker.

The Senior Art Show is scheduled for 29 Aug. 2019 through 9 Oct. 2019. There was discussion and a date of 6 Sept. 2019 at 6:00 PM was chosen for the reception. J. Wey has begun to contact artists and will bring the list of previous participants to the next meeting.

E. Hayes, J. Wey, S. Berger, B. Trott, K. Keenan have all volunteered for the Feasibility Study for the Senior Center Committee. D. Lowe has contacted another potential member and will let the COA know when he gets confirmation that his contact can commit to the committee. D. Lowe and B. Ostrosky are both interested in advisory roles. This ad hoc, informal, advisory committee is hoping to begin working around mid-March. J. McRoberts made a point of the importance of keeping a record of the meetings and their findings.

New Business:

S. Berger reported on the upcoming Community Safety Program that will be held at the Senior Center on 21 May 2019 at 11:30 AM. There will be presentations by the State Trooper, a member of the Fire Dept. and a representative from the ADA.

Comments by Commissioners:

R. Hudson spoke about installing SimpliSafe, a home security system, in his home. Installation takes about one hour. The cost of the system is approximately \$300.00 with a \$20.00 monthly monitoring fee. The system provides comprehensive video surveillance of your home and sends alerts to your phone if there are any problems.

Adjournment:

J. Wey moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM

J. McRoberts seconded the motion

Meeting was unanimously adjourned

The next meeting will be 18 March 2019 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Whitney

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