

**Town of Sherman
Commission On Aging**

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes - FINAL
Monday, 21 October 2019 6:00 PM

Members Present: Chairman—J. Wey, L. Arnold, R. Hudson, S.J. McMahon, J. McRoberts, C. Sperling

Members Absent: J. Garcia, E. Hayes, A. von Plachecki

Also: M. MacKinnon - clerk; B.Trott - Sherman Social Services

Call to Order: Chairman, J. Wey called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the revised minutes of the 16 September 2019 regular monthly meeting by J. McRoberts

Seconded by: R. Hudson

Vote for: unanimous

Senior Center / Social Services Report:

- B. Trott announced there will be a presentation on the changes to medicare tomorrow at the Senior Center at 11:30 AM.
- Don Lowe, First Selectman, was contacted by Pete Bass, Mayor of New Milford, to invite Sherman Seniors to merge with the New Milford Seniors Center. D. Lowe declined the offer on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.
- The October 18th Feasibility Committee meeting was cancelled due to E. Hayes' illness.
- B. Trott continues to investigate funding sources for a new seniors center.
- An October 18th Danbury *News Times* article regarding Sherman School's potential construction project and future uses noted the school could be a possible location for the Senior Center.
- J. Wey gave B. Trott correspondence from the Home Front organization.
- A grant will be available to install grab bars in individual homes in the spring of 2020. There may be an income requirement.
- J. Wey noted the sign had fallen down in front of the Senior Center today. This posed safety issues for the high number of people crossing the street to attend the monthly birthday lunch.
- R. Hudson advised a state trooper would need to approve having a town constable perform crossing duty for Senior Center events.

Old Business:

Art Show - Taken down on Oct. 10th. J. Wey thanked R. Hudson for his help. All but two pieces of artwork have been picked up.

Flu clinic - J. Wey thanked those who helped her, noting the benefit of having C. Sperling, S. McMahon and J. McRoberts assist seniors complete their registration cards. Although 43 people signed up, 68 flu shots were administered.

Grocery Tax - J. Wey reported that Sen. Kushner and Rep. Smith had both responded that this issue was going to be reviewed as soon as representatives were back in session.

Feasibility Committee - no report

New Business:

Discussion on readiness to update "Directory of Sherman Resources" - copies were distributed and members are asked to review and bring changes to the next meeting.

2020 Calendar of Meetings - dates were shared with members. M. MacKinnon will notify the Selectman's office of the dates and confirm the meeting room availability.

Comments by Commissioners:

R. Hudson offered to be a replacement on the Feasibility Committee should E. Hayes require an extended period to recuperate. B. Trott added new location suggestions have come in since the last meeting.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment:

S. J. McMahon **moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM**

J. McRoberts **seconded the motion.**

Meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Next meeting - 18 November 2019 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Michele MacKinnon
22 October 2019