

Town of Sherman
Commission on Aging via ZOOM
Monday, April 19, 2021 at 4:00pm

Members Present: Janet Wey, Art VonPlacheki, Jeanne McRoberts, Carol Sperling, Rick Hudson, Lynda Lee Arnold

Members Absent: Juan Garcia, Sheila McMahon, Ed Hayes

Also Present: Lynne Gomez, Social Services Director

Clerk: Ruth Chen Byrnes

The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm by Chairman J. Wey.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of February 22, 2021 by J. McRoberts, with the correction that **“we may have an architect willing to donate his/her time for a possible location for a new Senior Center”**. A second correction to the minutes should read that the art show submissions should be **“300 dpi”**.

Seconded by R. Hudson

Vote For: Unanimous

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of March, 15, 2021 by J. McRoberts with the correction of the CoA email address: COAshermanct@gmail.com.

Seconded by R Hudson

Vote For: Unanimous

Social Services Report: L. Gomez noted there is nothing new regarding the vaccines. The seniors continue to receive assistance with booking vaccine appointments. More information is due out on the American Rescue Plan. The commission members commented that the respite care article by Lynne was excellent. L. Gomez will be sharing information in November or December on Medicare (“know what you have”).

Senior Center: S Berger was not able to attend this meeting, J Wey read an email from S. Berger.

Old Business: Discussion art and photography show.

J. Wey shared that S Berger has sent out an announcement regarding the art show. J Wey is working with Linda Hubbard (Sherman Library) on the waiver. She asked if A vonPlacheki had anything to add. Discussion continued on his original goal of getting people out to take pictures of nature, and now that it’s evolved to both a virtual and in person art show, he prefers to step back and let J. Wey take the lead. J. Wey noted that the theme is “New Beginnings” as she thought was A.vonPlacheki’s suggestion. J.McRoberts asked if this art show was still a spring show, and are they still pictures of spring time. J Wey clarified that it should be a work of art or a photograph taken or completed during the pandemic with the theme of “A

New Beginning”. A. vonPlacheki explained his idea for the show was to be anything during the spring, not necessarily through the pandemic. His hope was that some students could help with getting the submission on line. He did not envision a physical art show at the library.

Feasibility Committee: There will likely be a new committee. Some members who were originally interested are no longer available. Meetings started back in December 2018 were put on hold due to the pandemic and will now start up again. Existing buildings were looked at but nothing was suitable. The commission will wait for First Selectman Lowe’s input at the next monthly meeting. R. Hudson and J. McRoberts stressed the importance of reaching out to nearby towns to see what they did, and anything they’d do differently.

Change of time for CoA meetings: Since Housing Committee is no longer meeting, perhaps a later start would be better for some. We could start at 5 or 6pm. Everyone agreed that 4pm start worked, and will revisit this next year.

New Business: J. Wey announced that she would like to step down as CoA Chairman at the beginning of the next fiscal year. She’s held that position for 5 years, and it’s time for someone else to take over. She’d like to have someone ready to take over in July, and looks forward to resuming in-person meetings soon.

Adjournment:

J McRoberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:49pm.

C Sperling seconded the motion.

Vote for: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Chen Byrnes
Next meeting: Monday, May 17, 2021 at the Senior Center