

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm.

In attendance: Jim Millerick, Maryelen Wielock, Art Murelli, Don Provost, Laura Chandler, Lori Vallee, and Director Tricia Twomey.

Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were read and approved unanimously. (Murelli/Vallee),

<u>Public Comment</u>: Bianca Carrero from the Senior Outreach and Engagement Program from Wheeler Center of Excellence came into discuss the program and outreach for seniors in our town. The program serves older adults who are isolated and have mental health and/or substance use concerns. Bianca is the case manager and helps seniors identify their strengths and needs and provides linkage to available support and treatment services.

<u>Financial Report</u>: Tricia reported that 61% of the budget has been used. The budget proposal for 18-19 is a 0% increase budget. The capital budget proposal includes monies for a new Dial-A-Ride SUV. Tricia is also applying for a grant through the CT DOT for a new van for dial-a-ride to replace our current van. Budget discussion followed.

Winter Programs

- Laura Chandler's class, Steady, Set, Go is full and well-attended.
- Tai Chi is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- CT DOT talk on ways of transportation other than Dial-a-ride will be held on March 28th at noon. Pre-registration is required
- LSM Bingo will be held on May 4th with a Cinco De Mayo theme
- Tricia met with Legal Aid of Connecticut to discuss services for seniors and individuals with limited financial support. Materials are available at town hall for interested individuals.

Roundtable discussion: Burlington Bell Grant Application

Jim Millerick attended the last Burlington Community Fund meeting to present our ideas in regards to technology in the senior center. From the feedback Jim received the commission has decided to request funding for a projector and screen along with a couple of computers. Jim, Tricia, and Don will gather further information and compile it for the Burlington Community Fund's April Meeting.

Any Other Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 (Murelli/Vallee, Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Twomey