



Town of Windsor  
Commission on Aging and Persons with Disabilities  
Regular Meeting  
November 6, 2019

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Commissioners Present:** Amy Silliman-Avedisian, Marsha Brown, Veronica DeBetham-Taylor, Linda Rickard and Kathy Robe

**Commissioners Excused:** Estelle LaBarre

**Commissioners Unexcused:** None

**Liaison Present:** Rebecca Joyce

**Also Present:** Tom Russo, Administrator of Kimberly Hall South and Veronica Mosher, Director of Admissions & Marketing at Kimberly Hall, and Rose Phillips, member of the public

**Called to order** at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Amy Silliman-Avedisian

**Communication from Commissioners:**

Commissioner Roby noted that the new walk light in front of St. Gabriel's Church, across from Sycamore Street, is not very visible. It's a flashing light and the commissioners discussed that it would be the color of the light that makes it difficult to see. Commissioner Roby said that she will check it out again and report back to the Commission.

**Communication from Liaison:** Liaison Joyce provided an update on Senior Services as well as distributed the October newsletter for Senior Services and Social Services. She mentioned the upcoming Annual Veterans Breakfast is full and that two speakers will be present. She noted other programs being offered at the Senior Center, as well.

**Communication from the Public:** Tom Russo, Administrator of Kimberly Hall South, began by explaining the current situation at Kimberly Hall and that the issue is a funding issue. A lengthy discussion took place. Mr. Russo explained that their occupancy rate is well over 70% and that a request has been made to the state to reinstate funding, however, he also explained that if that doesn't happen, they will take the loss for the year and correct things moving forward. He also mentioned that Kimberly Hall will not be closing.

**Approval of the Minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting:**

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting, was made by Commissioner Roby and seconded by Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor. The motion passed 5/0/0.

**Old Business:****Discussion of open positions and review of relevant ordinances**

Chairperson Silliman-Avedisian mentioned some of the terms that are due to expire including herself and Commissioner Roby. Liaison Joyce will be checking on the COAPD Member Listing and will send out an update.

**Continued discussion of future programming: medication management and substance/alcohol abuse in the elderly and disabled population**

This topic will be added to the December agenda and the Commission members will review the email sent by Liaison Joyce regarding the potential speaker for this program.

**Review and Update COAPD Flyer**

This topic will be added to the December agenda. Liaison Joyce will create a template for a new flyer for the next meeting.

**Update on Status of potential closing of Kimberly Hall South**

Topic was fully discussed during Communication from the Public portion of the meeting. No need to discuss further.

**New Business:****2020 Meeting Schedule**

The potential 2020 COAPD Meeting Schedule was distributed and a motion to approve the schedule was made by Chairperson Silliman-Avedisian. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed 5/0/0.

**Review of Capital Improvement Program Request Letter from Adam D. Kessler, P.E.**

Chairperson Silliman-Avedisian suggested that the topic of safety at the crosswalk by Geissler's, an ongoing topic of the COAPD, be submitted on the Capital Improvement form as a Capital Improvement project for the town. Chairperson Silliman-Avedisian suggested signs of some sort be put up advising pedestrians of the potential risk while crossing the crosswalk. Then it was noted that the projects being submitted should exceed \$100,000.00 in value. Commissioner Rickard thought that it would be reasonable to still submit the request. A discussion ensued. Chairperson Silliman-Avedisian will draft the request form for our next meeting.

**Impact of Medicaid Reimbursement on Viability of Skilled Nursing Facilities in CT/Review of Statute**

This topic will be added to the January agenda.

**Further Comments and Questions from the Public:**

None

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm was made by Commissioner Rickard and seconded by Commissioner DeBetham-Taylor. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rebecca Joyce