



Town of Windsor
Commission on Aging and Persons with Disabilities
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2022

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Kathy Roby, Marsha Brown, Linda Massa, and Dave Pekarski

Commissioners Excused: Charles Copeland, Marva Douglas, and Sharon Gauthier

Commissioners Unexcused: None

Liaison Present: Rebecca Joyce

Also Present: None

Called to order at 7:05pm by Chairperson Kathy Roby

Communication from Commissioners:

Chairperson Roby commented on the Town of Windsor COVID Test Kit Distribution explaining how well organized the event was.

Commissioner Brown mentioned training being offered through Disability Rights of CT – Partners and Policy Making Training for those with a disability or the parent of someone with a disability.

She also noted that there is support for the Deaf/Blind Community in need of a COVID vaccination. The following phone number, 877-918-2224, can be called for assistance and to schedule an appointment. Liaison Joyce will test the phone number and share the number with Social Services.

Communication from Liaison:

Liaison Joyce provided an update on Senior Services and noted that masks are required in all town buildings as of 12/27/21. She also mentioned that Senior Services is enforcing the mask policy, encouraging social distancing at the center, and have reduced the maximum number of participants at certain programs that draw a greater attendance. She also commented on the COVID Test Kit Distribution Drive Through event facilitated by the Town Health Department and the variety of programs being offered through Senior Services.

Communication from the Public: None

Approval of the Minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021 meeting, was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Massa. The motion passed 4/0/0.

Old Business:

Senior Resource Booklet

The Commission discussed this topic further as some suggestions for additional changes were made. Commissioner Brown noted some corrections that she felt needed to be made including the order of offerings in the Disability section. Liaison Joyce will contact Commissioner Brown to go over her suggested changes so that she can move forward with printing of the booklet.

- Final approval from TMO

Liaison Joyce had submitted the document to Helene in the Town Managers Office. She made some suggestions for changes to the document which have been included.

- Distribution Plan for hardcopy and electronic version

Nothing has changed with the distribution plan from last month's meeting.

Lion's Club – Vision Screenings – Update from Commissioner Gauthier

Commissioner Gauthier was unable to attend this month's meeting. Liaison Joyce will connect with Commissioner Gauthier to schedule screenings at the Senior Center in the spring.

Update on COVID Booster PSA created by the Commission

Commissioner Pekarski will create the PSA slides and send to Chairperson Roby who will then schedule a time with WINTV to provide the voice over for the PSA.

Project/Program Ideas for spring 2022

Commissioner Brown made suggestions for spring programs including:

- Independence Unlimited Program
- Community Engagement Specialist to speak regarding Disability Rights. Commissioner Brown knows of an individual that she will invite to the February meeting
- The Commission discussed scheduling a roundtable in April/May to see what interests the community
- Commissioner Brown mentioned that March is Brain Injury Services Month and federal funding available to help those with brain injuries

New Business:

None at this time

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm was made by Commissioner Pekarski and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed 4/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Joyce