



Town of Windsor
Commission on Aging and Persons with Disabilities
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2023

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Kathy Roby, Amy Avedisian-Silliman, Marsha Brown, and Linda Massa

Commissioners Excused: None

Commissioners Unexcused: Marva Douglas and David Pekarski

Liaison Present: Rebecca Joyce

Also Present: None

Called to order at 7:02pm by Chairperson Kathy Roby

Communication from Commissioners:
None

Communication from Liaison:
Liaison Joyce provided an update on Senior Services including the Community Budget Forum that took place at the Senior Center the day of the meeting hosted by the League of Women Voters and CT Votes, a recap of the Annual 55+ Variety Show – a huge success, and also mentioned the upcoming Evening & Weekend Trips that are provided in part by an NCAA Grant.

Communication from the Public: None

Approval of the Minutes from the April 4, 2023 Meeting:
Tabled until June meeting

Old Business:

Loss of Pet Program/Survey/Pet Food Drive – Update – Commissioner Massa

Commissioner Massa mentioned that this is moving along slowly but surely. She is still working with Social Services to see if pet food could be distributed through the Food Bank. She also made mention of the “Beloved Companions” Pet Loss Grief Support Group flyer that she shared with the group and Liaison Joyce. The flyer for this grief support group, held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, at Beloved Companions, 369 West Main Street, Suite 4 in Avon, CT has been posted at the Windsor Senior Center for those who may be in search of this type of support.

Marketing Plan to fill vacant slots on Commission

Chairperson Roby mentioned that she had connected with some individuals to notify them of the vacancy. This will be tabled until the fall for further discussion.

Coordinated effort with Health Department/Senior Center regarding COVID/Flu Vaccines - “It’s never too late to be safe”.

At this time, Chairperson Roby suggests that, because of the decline of COVID19, we remove this from our meeting agendas until further notice.

Review of Resource Booklet

Chairperson Roby began the discussion regarding updating the Resource Booklet. A discussion ensued. Chairperson Roby requested that each Commissioner update their sections and submit any changes by Friday, May 5 so that changes can be made in the booklet and the 2023 final version be sent along to the printers. Chairperson Roby mentioned that she would follow up with Commissioners Pekarski and Douglas to follow up regarding their sections.

Explore potential for speaker from AG's office on "Elder Justice Hotline"

Chairperson Roby mentioned that she had noticed the flyer posted by Senior Services at LP Wilson and thought that it would be a great idea to have a representative present on this topic in the near future at the Senior Center. A discussion ensued. Liaison Joyce will provide dates for June or early October to schedule a presentation on this topic.

Rep. Jane Garibay - Bill on Health Care Providers

Chairperson Roby mentioned an article she read in the Journal Inquirer on Friday, April 28 on HB 6678 regarding nursing homes, funding, and transparency; a bill that Representative Jane Garibay is supporting. She encouraged the group to read the article, if possible.

New Business:**Town Volunteer Appreciation Brunch**

Chairperson Roby mentioned the Town Wide Volunteer Appreciation Brunch that is scheduled for June 11 from 10am-12pm. She encouraged all Commissioners to attend.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm was made by Commissioner Silliman-Avedisian and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion passed 4/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Joyce