

Commission On Aging

Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2024

Commission Members present: Gary James Kelly – Chair, Eugenia Perry – Secretary, Maria Potvin, Anita Morrison, Kathy LaBranche, and Jim Sundin

Absent: Lorraine Kraft

Guests attending: Myrna Mehus, Evelyn Gilbert, and Barbara Pellept

Meeting Called to Order: at 2:07 pm

Approval of Minutes/Secretary's Report: Gena read the minutes from our December 2023 meeting. Jim made a motion to approve and Anita seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Gary read the balances of our 3 accounts and confirmed the Senior Picnic account carry over balance with the Finance Department. Anita made a motion to approve and Kathy seconded.

Old Business: 1) Gary reviewed the status of the town wide survey and pending meeting on statistical analysis and methods to be used for presentation. He asked for comments from the Commission and noted that many seniors need help with yard work, especially in the spring and fall. He discussed looking into volunteer projects to help with this with several departments and the school program. He will report the progress as the logistics are worked out. 2) We reviewed the

success of our 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Wish List program with Riverside and discussed continuing improvements such as more stringent scheduling and how to handle donors that do not follow through with the donations. He passed out copies of the emails sent to thank all of those who promised to donate and polite reminders to those that missed the deadline. 3) Gary passed around a copy of the Journal Inquirer article about the Christmas Tree Wish List program. For an unknown reason, it was published in the Manchester edition, but was on line only for the East Hartford edition. Katherine Beaudry, the Assistant Library Director was extremely helpful in retrieving and printing the article for us. 4) Gary distributed the 2024 meeting schedule copies which had been previously sent to everyone vial email. 5) Gary stated that he wanted us to revive the work we started but had not finished on publishing a list of discounts available to all seniors. This will be published on our website as well as our flyers. 6) Gary mentioned that 3 Commissioners applied to be reinstated to their positions but had not received the confirmations yet.

New Business:

Opportunity of guests to speak: Questions and comments were made about the availability and unavailability of senior center busing for trips and daily transportation. Also comments were made about expanding the distance and frequency of the trips.

Motion to Adjourn: Anita made a motion to adjourn at 3:06 pm and Gena seconded the motion.