

**TOWN OF ENFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING
MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.
DSS, ALCORN SCHOOL, 1010 ENFIELD STREET**

Attendance

Present: Howard Florian, Dave Goyette, Cynthia Guerreri, Staff Liaison, Cindy Mangini for Representative Bob Cressotti, Marlene Hoginski, Patricia Linehan, Justin Lopez, Elderly Care Services Coordinator, Kay Tallarita and Will St. George.

Absent (Excused): Mike Arnone Jr., Pauline Devino, Alice Egan, Mary Ann Harris, Mary Keller, Enfield Senior Center Manager, Marie Pyznar, Council Liaison and Tim Slade.

I. Welcome

In Chairman Alice Egan's absence, Vice Chairman, Marlene Hoginski opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

II. Secretary's Report:

Marlene Hoginski asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. One correction was requested to the section on the Mental Health program from Congressman Chris Murphy to Senator Chris Murphy. With this correction to be made, Dave Goyette made a motion to accept the minutes and Will St. George seconded. The motion was carried (6,0,5).

III. Treasurer's Report:

In Tim Slade's absence, Dave Goyette read the report for October and asked if there were any questions. With no questions asked, Dave Goyette made a motion to accept the report and Will St. George seconded the motion. It was approved through a show of hands.

IV. Senior Center Focus

In Mary Keller's absence, Marlene Hoginski reported that there has been no change from the CRT Cut Back effective October 1, 2024 with service levels for the Elderly Nutrition Programs reduced throughout the North Central region including services for CRT meals, Meals on Wheels and Congregate meals such as at Mark Twain. Meals will continue to be served on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at the Senior Center with no new people being signed up. Help is being secured with the Parkway Pavilion and through the American Legion and other outside agencies. Social Services Food & Nutrition Manager and her staff will continue to handle meals at Mark Twain that are not going to be provided there by CRT.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Symposium Work Group

Pat Linehan reported that no date has been set as yet.

B. Senior Living TV Program

Dave Goyette reported that the program has been short on help and speakers. The latest interview taped was guest Nora Duncan, Connecticut Executive Director of the AARP program. This will be aired soon.

C. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Kay Tallarita reported that the program is going well and that she will be providing more information about a money challenge at the next meeting.

D. Triad

Marlene Hoginski reported that the Fire Presentation went well with 42 people attending. K9 Britford the narcotics Labrador Retriever was a big hit. Captain Don Ellis also gave a presentation. On November 14th, there will be an informative presentation by Bob Kanehl of the Connecticut Poison Control Center at the Senior Center.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

E. Choices

Will St. George's reported that he continues to book appointments for November and December with Open Enrollment ending on December 7th. Justin Lopez providing some CHOICES counseling sessions at Alcorn as well.

F. Senior Tax Relief

Dave Goyette reported that the Senior Tax Relief meeting at the Senior Center on November 12th went well with a good turnout and that the application is ready for use.

G. Nursing Home Project

In Alice Eagan's absence, Marlene Hoginski reported that Alice has started preparations for this holiday program.

VI. Old Business

A. Senior Minor Home Repair Program

A long discussion was held on what to do with the over \$10,000 in donations for the defunct Senior Repair Program. The donation is in an account monitored by DSS but is not included in a budget. It is a free-standing account. Discussion of what to do with these funds. The members feel that since the funds were from donations by seniors for seniors, the COA should decide which senior programs could benefit from these funds. Cindy Guerreri will notify the town manager of the Commission's desire for the use of these funds. Cindy Guerreri will notify the Town Manager of the Commission's desire for the use of these funds, as this item may become a Council discussion.

B. Social Services – Justin Lopez reported on his Medicare presentation to the Felician Sister's residents.

C. Friends of the Senior Center

Marlene Hoginski reported that there is nothing new to report.

VI.I. New Business

A. COA Initiatives

Dave Goyette and Will St. George reported that work on the updating for reprinting of the old Blue Book continues with \$3,750 approved for the printing of 5,000 copies.

B. Town Council Reports

Councilor Mangini attended for Councilor Cressotti. She will report out from this meeting under Committee Reports at the November 18th Town Council meeting.

VIII. Announcements

Marlene Hoginski reminded that terms for Michael Arnone, Jr., David Goyette and Patricia Linehan will be expiring in January 2025 and that action is needed to continue their participation.

XI. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Dave Goyette and seconded by Howard Florian. It passed unanimously and Marlene Hoginski adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Next Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the DSS Alcorn School.

Respectfully Submitted by Kay Tallarita in the absence of Pauline Devino, Secretary

Ken Nelson, Mayor
Bob Cressotti, Council Liaison
Cindy Guerreri, Staff Liaison & Director of Social Services
Mary Keller, Enfield Senior Center Manager
Marie Pyznar, Council Liaison
Christopher Bromson, Town Manager