

NEWTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING
Special Meeting
Monday, June 28, 2021
Called to order at 3:00pm

NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Curt Symes, Anna Wiedemann, LeReine Frampton, Claire Theune, Larry Passaro, Nicole Camporeale, Joanne Albanesi, Barbara Bloom (4:10)

Via Teleconference: Anne Rothstein, Ruby Ryles, Cris Carvalho Fadus (4:19), Kaki Tailor from CH Booth Library and one member of the public

Also Present: Director of Human Services Natalie Jackson, First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and Assistant Director of the CH Booth Library Jennifer Nash

Absent: Lia Levitte

Public Comment – J. Nash reported that the Library’s summer reading program is in full swing.

Introduce Mary Salley, new Director of Nunnawauk Meadows – Mary Salley was not able to attend the special meeting.

Senator Tony Hwang discussing Senate Bill #817 “An Act Concerning Senior Centers and Senior Crime Prevention Education” – No discussion

Minutes – J. Albanessi moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting. L. Frampton seconded, all in favor.

Chair Report – See attached.

Vice Chair – No report

Director of Human Services – N. Jackson reviewed her report (attached).

Selectman – No report

Gift certificate for Tech assistant for Senior Center Presentations and discussion on lunch for the crafters – L. Passaro moved to approve a \$100 Amazon Gift card to the Tech Assistant, L. Frampton seconded. L. Passaro explained that Zach Macey came in one day a week and assisted seniors with technical support on their devices. All in favor.

L. Frampton moved to approve up to \$350 for lunch for the crafters. L. Passaro seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer’s Report (attached)– L. Passaro reported that they finally paid for the pool table. Every time he has been at the Senior Center there have been people playing it. The crafters collected \$343. He

included a recap of the last two fiscal year spending. The majority was spent on the new senior center. That doesn't include \$7,500 in fiscal year 2018 for myseniorcenter software that was not implemented until 2019. L. Passaro expressed concern that it wasn't being utilized as it should be. N. Jackson explained that seniors use it to swipe in and use the touch screen for why there are there. A photo of the member, emergency contact and other important information such as allergies are in their profile. L. Frampton motioned to move the Treasurers report to audit. J. Albanessi seconded, all in favor.

Member Comments – C. Fadus questioned getting constant contacts from other organizations other than the Senior Center. N. Jackson replied that everything goes through her and when appropriate and a benefit to seniors, the contacts are shared.

Having no further business, L. Passaro moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:34pm. L. Frampton seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Arlene Miles, Clerk

Attachments: Chair Report, Report from Human Services Director, Treasurers Report

COA Chair Report, June 28, 2021

PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME IS AT 4PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER. IF YOU ARE UNCOMFORTABLE MEETING IN PERSON, YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE AGENDA HAS THE INFORMATION FOR YOU TO JOIN VIA PHONE/COMPUTER.

Mary Salley, who is the new Director at Nunnawauk Meadows will be unable to attend the meeting. I will add her to the agenda for July.

Welcome to Senator Tony Hwang who is our guest speaker and has joined us to discuss Senate Bill #817. "An Act Concerning Senior Centers and Senior Crime Prevention Education"

You will see on the agenda that we would like a motion to purchase a \$100 Amazon Gift Card for the young man who has been assisting Larry Passaro with his presentations. We would also like a motion to send the group of dedicated crafters to lunch at a local restaurant (\$300 for 8-10 people).

I will be posting a meeting for the Volunteer Policy/Senior Center Handbook Subcommittee. JoAnne Albanesi is the chair. We would like to meet with Natalie Jackson and Jennifer Faircloth so we can begin implementing some of the committees. I just forwarded the agenda to the Town Clerk for posting for Monday, June 28 at noon. I will send you the agenda when the Town Clerk has posted it.

There's not much else to report on. It's been quiet with the town and Senior Center reopening slowly, with careful planning. It's nice to see some normalcy come back to our world!

I hope everyone had a Happy Father's Day.

Stay well, Anna



Department of Human Services

Supporting a high quality of life for the Newtown community through services, programs and information that promote mental, physical and social well-being.

Commission on Aging Report: June 21, 2021

As we head into summer June has brought more life and excitement into the Senior Center. We have been able to continue to expand our in-house program options, while also offering classes and events virtually so members can participate in the format that they are most comfortable. In-house programs including speakers and lunch & learns, cards, discussion groups, knitting, and the Parkinson Support Group have all returned. In July we will be bringing back some of our higher impact exercise classes, including Broadway Burn and Line Dancing, as well as games and hopefully a lunch program. It has been wonderful to have our members back in house for classes and groups, and seeing our beautiful center bustling with activity again.

Jennifer Gebry, our Program Coordinator, is looking forward to transitioning to new adventures this summer, and as such will be leaving her shared role in the Community Center and Senior Center. We are looking at staffing plans and candidates to take on this important role in the Senior Center. As plans are solidified I will keep you posted!

The Department of Human Services is embarking on an assessment of the transportation needs of our senior residents, in partnership with members of COA, FONS, and the larger community. I am optimistic that the results of this effort will produce a more concrete understanding of transportation needs, which will allow for the exploration and identification of the most effective and efficient solutions.

On Saturday, June 5th I attended the awards ceremony for the writing contest sponsored by FONS. Seniors in the community submitted pieces with the theme: "Looking to the future with 2020 hindsight". The entries were truly amazing. The second phase of this project was the creation of a mosaic mural, using color to depict the words and emotions of the written pieces. This stunning mural will be proudly hung in the Senior Center multipurpose room in the coming weeks.

Just a reminder that Renters Rebate applications for this year are open. Persons renting an apartment or room, or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies. Applications will be accepted through October 1st. Seniors can apply by contacting Human Services at 203-270-4330.

Stay tuned for upcoming programs about Medicare options that will offered at the Senior Center as we head into open enrollment in the fall. I hope to see you all at our first in person bash since the holiday party in 2019! Please join us to celebrate the upcoming 4th at the **July 2nd event at Dickenson Park with the Survivors Swing band and the Super Doper Winnie truck.**

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie

Natalie Jackson, LCSW
Director, Newtown Human Services

Membership Statistics for June 2021

Resident	103
Non-resident	15
Renewals	84
New Memberships	34

* Stats For Memberships

New year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Renewals & New memberships as of June 21st

People that were active between 05/15/2021 and 06/15/2021
Filters:

Age Range as of 06/15/2021	Count	Percent
Ages 55-59	24	2.1%
Ages 60-64	78	6.7%
Ages 65-69	200	17.2%
Ages 70-74	248	21.3%
Ages 75-79	224	19.2%
Ages 80-84	175	15.0%
Ages Below 55	10	0.9%
Ages Over 85	204	17.5%
Unknown	3	0.3%
Totals	1166	100%

Event Statistics from 05/15/2021 to 06/15/2021

Filters:

Age: >=0
Site(s): All

Category	Duplicated	Unduplicated
F - Class/Workshop	67	21
F - Health/Fitness	136	43
F - Rec./Entertain	101	36
F - Social Activity/Event	110	49
F - Socializing	16	13
F - Special Events	29	24
F - Special Groups	67	26
Total Event Signins	526	139

Event Occurrences from 05/15/2021 to 06/15/2021

Category	Event	# of Events	Hours Scheduled	Unduplica
F - Class/Workshop				
	Art Class	5	10	10
	Knitting	4	4	12
	Spanish	1	1	0
	Total	10	15	21
F - Health/Fitness				
	Chair Pilates	4	4	6
	Chair Yoga	4	4	15
	Flex, Fit & Tone	3	3	13
	Floor Yoga	5	5	9
	Morning Meditation	2	2	2
	Tai Chi	4	4	13
	Total	22	22	43
F - Rec./Entertain				
	Billiards	19	19	7
	Drive in Lunch and Learn	2	4	26
	Mah Jongg	2	2	0
	Total	23	25	32
F - Social Activity/Event				
	Crafts	10	20	9
	Lunch and Learn	2	2	30
	Poker	3	9	8
	Total	15	31	46
F - Socializing				
	Socializing & Just Visiting	22	198	13
	Total	22	198	13
F - Special Events				
	Speaker	3	3	23
	Total	3	3	23
F - Special Groups				
	Hot Topics	5	5	12
	Parkinson Support Group	1	1	2
	Womens Discussion Group	4	52	11
	Total	10	58	25
	Grand Totals	105	352	139

* ZOOM ONLY: Broadway Burn
 ZUMBA
 Move & Groove & More
 Coffee & Conversation
 (1x weekly, attendance not counted)

* [Yellow Box] = In-house & ZOOM
 (Zoom attendance not counted, # for
 in-house participation)

COA/SENIOR SERVICES GIFT FUND

DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	C/D	C/R	FRANK KNOTTS TRUST FUND	BALANCE
7/1/20	Beginning Balance				31,634.57
7/22/2020	Qtrly Distribution- Knotts Trust 200-16			637.00	32,271.57
9/10/2020	Ck #42023- Anna Wiedemann- Reim for Sr. Center Lunch 8/14/20	(206.23)			32,065.34
10/7/2020	Mandatory Distribution- Knotts Trust 200-82			781.30	32,846.64
10/20/2020	Qtrly Distribution- Knotts Trust 200-95			637.00	33,483.64
10/31/2020	Bazaar-Donations 220-09		305.00		33,788.64
10/31/2020	Tote Bags- Archdeacon 220-09		434.14		34,222.78
11/23/2020	Bazaar-Donations- 220-11		447.00		34,669.78
12/4/2020	Ck #42817- Diversified Printing Solution- Tote Bags				34,235.37
12/14/2020	Donations- 220-14-To be used for table wear	(434.41)	700.00		34,935.37
12/14/2020	Donations- Bazaar- 220-15		284.00		35,219.37
12/23/2020	Ck #43288- Anna Wiedemann- Holiday cookies	(290.52)			34,928.85
12/24/2020	Donation- Arch Deacon Family Foundation -220-16		5,000.00		39,928.85
12/24/2020	Donation Bazaar- 220-17		541.50		40,470.35
1/31/2021	Qtrly Distribution-Knotts Trust 200-172			705.75	41,176.10
2/5/2021	Donation-Bazaar 220-19		65.00		41,241.10
3/25/2021	Donation-Bazaar 220-24		350.00		41,591.10
3/31/2021	Donation-Bazaar 220-25		168.00		41,759.10
3/31/2021	Donation-Bazaar 220-26		85.00		41,844.10
4/23/2021	Qtrly Distribution- Knotts Trust 200-252			705.75	42,549.85
5/14/2021	Donation-Bazaar 220-30		181.50		42,731.35
5/27/2021	April P-Card- Encore Billard- Pool Table	(3,149.00)			39,582.35
5/28/2021	Donation- Bazaar 220-33		161.50		39,743.85
Less approved items to be booked:					
	Puzzle table	(1,600.00)			(1,600.00)
	Sr lunch balance	(223.25)			(223.25)
	Clocks	(50.00)			(50.00)
					<u>\$ 37,870.60</u>

2 Smart TVs	1,604.96
Lobby Sign	600.00
Stacking Chairs	2,201.07
Ping Pong Table	175.00
AV Equipemt	10,000.00
Piano Move & Tune	795.00

New furniture 14,885.37

Card Tables	350.92
Folding Tables	554.47
Craft Cutting Workstations	176.53
Umbrella Stand	58.48
Chairs- Sewing Area	190.37
Easel for Classes	73.38
Bulletin Board	114.82
Suffleboard Set	135.73
TV Stand	161.64
Folding Tables	250.00
Benches Fitness Room	196.72
Cork/Whiteboard Classroom	141.41

2,404.47

FOB Fee & Cards	1,981.40
Restaurant Equip & Freezer	1,814.95
Landscaping	879.82

SC	37,342.04
Other	2,652.00
total 2019/20	<u>\$ 39,994.04</u>

Lunch & Cookies	496.75	496.75
Pool Table SC	3149.00	3149

Total 2020/21 \$ 3,645.75

Unspent Approvals

Puzzle Table	1,600.00
Bal of lunch fund	223.25
Clocks	50.00

Senior Center	1,650.00
Other	223.25
Total Approved	<u>\$ 1,873.25</u>

Total Senior Center	44,793.04
Total Other	3,372.00
Grand Total	<u>\$ 48,165.04</u>