

NEWTOWN COMMISSION ON AGING

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2022

Newtown Municipal Building, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT 06470

Called to order at 3:01pm

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING

Present: Anne Rothstein, Barbara Bloom, LeReine Frampton, Claire Theune, Bill Darrin, Tricia Gogliettino, Judit Destefano

Present via teleconference: Lia Levitt, Xiao Han, Nicole Camporeale

Absent: Jamie Geraci

Also Present: Director of Human Services Natalie Jackson

Public Comment –None

Minutes – L. Frampton moved to approve the minutes of the 11/21/22 meeting. C. Theune seconded, all in favor.

Chair Report, Report on Regional Senior Center Meeting – A. Rothstein announced that COA member Larry Passaro passed away earlier this month. She has made a donation to the gift fund in his honor. She will match dollar for dollar any donation that is made in Larry's name.

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

Treasurer's Report – L. Frampton reported that there are no changes to the Treasurer's Report. B. Bloom moved to send the Treasurer's report (Attachment B) to audit. C. Theune seconded, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – C. Theune presented the proposed slate of officers (Attachment C). There were no further nominations. A vote will take place at the January meeting

2023 Meeting Schedule – A. Rothstein reminded everyone that beginning in January, all meetings will be held at the Senior Center at 4pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Celebration of Life Event for Larry Passaro at the Senior Center – A proposed celebration of life for Larry Passaro will be on Saturday, January 14th from 1pm to 3pm at the Senior Center. N. Jackson needs to confirm that the room is available before this become final.

Expenses for Craft Popup Boutiques – The crafters deposited \$1000 into the gift fund from their pops ups. N. Jackson would like access to the funds for lunches for the volunteers (\$100), advertising (\$121.60) and up to \$50 per person for the thank you dinner. L. Frampton moved to authorize the \$100 for lunches, \$121.60 for advertising and \$50 per person for the thank you dinner for the crafters. B. Bloom seconded, all in favor.

Chair Rack for the fitness room – The chairs in the fitness room are stacked in the closet and when one is removed, there is a domino effect. For safety and convenience they would like to get a chair rack that can be wheeled in and out of the closet. L. Frampton moved to approve up to \$600 for a chair rack if the one that the town has is not adequate. C. Theune seconded, all in favor.

L. Frampton moved to add discussion and possible action of art tables and chairs to the agenda. B. Bloom seconded, all in favor. N. Jackson explained that they are requesting 2 more tables in the art room for \$130. The chairs in the art room are extremely old, off balance and most have tears in them. There are 30 chairs in total. L. Frampton moved to approve the purchase of the 2 tables for \$130 and order two chairs, one with arms and one without. When they decide what they like, they can move forward with the purchase of the chairs. B. Darrin seconded, all in favor.

Member Comments – None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Arlene Miles, Clerk



Attachment A

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: December 19, 2022

Dear Members of the COA,

I will keep this report somewhat brief, starting by saying that I am glad we are gathering today and have the opportunity to collectively remember Larry Passaro. I'd like to join together to discuss how we can then celebrate his life with an event at the Senior Center. Larry was so committed to the COA and the Senior Center. He gave countless hours of his time without ever an expectation for anything back. His presence is deeply missed at the Center.

Holiday Programs & Events:

Last Saturday was our annual "Depot Day" for the holiday gift program with the Newtown Fund. Over 100 households were recipients of gifts, food, and gift cards provided by donors throughout the community and the Newtown Fund directly. At our January meeting I will be able to report how many seniors were recipients of this charitable holiday program. As always if you know of any neighbors in need this holiday please be in touch with us.

Last Friday was our holiday party at the Senior Center. We had almost 70 members and friends come for a delicious holiday meal and entertainment. Special thank you to Full Bloom Catering. Dennis and Barbara Bloom prepared a feast for the event, donating all of their time to do so! Thank you also to the Friends of Newtown Seniors for providing the volunteers to serve (adorned in their best elf attire!) and for arranging and funding the entertainment—the woman's choral group, Harmony on the Sound, were amazing! Finally, thank you to the Senior Center staff, Wendy and Nicole, for creating a magical holiday atmosphere and planning the event down to the each detail so it all ran so smoothly.

Finally, I hope many of you can join us for our New Year's celebration on January 4th. In partnership with Parks & Recreation we will be dancing our way in to 2023!

Thank you to all who volunteered and shopped at our crafters' Holiday Popup Boutiques at the Newtown Community Center. The crafters raised over \$1000 during their 3 pop-up events. All of their time creating and then holding the events is their donation to the gift fund.

Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and peaceful holiday!

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie

Natalie Jackson, LCSW

Director, Newtown Human Services

Scenes from the Newtown Senior Center Holiday Party 2023



Event Statistics from 11/16/2022 to 12/16/2022

Category	Duplicate	Unduplicated
F - Class/Workshop	101	42
F - Health/Fitness	798	130
F - Nutrition	166	71
F - Rec./Entertain	80	20
F - Social Activity/Event	152	83
F - Socializing	106	31
F - Special Events	215	59
F - Special Groups	27	15
F - Volunteer Opportunities	1	1
P - Trips	11	11
Total Event Signins	1657	257

Parkinson Support Group	1	1	0
Poetry	1	1	0
Silver Tones	2	4	4
Womens Discussion Group Chicken Soup 1	4	4	11
Total	8	10	15
F - Volunteer Opportunities			
Garden Brigade	2	2	1
Total	2	2	1
P - Trips			
Tours	1	5	8
Total	1	5	8
Grand Totals	197	500	257

Attachment B

COA/SENIOR SERVICES GIFT FUND

DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	C/D	C/R	FRANK KNOTTS TRUST FUND	BALANCE
7/1/22	Beginning Balance				42,131.47
7/21/22	Lions Bleeker- Pizza for Presentation Program by Zack & Larry	(170.74)			41,960.73
7/25/22	July P-Card- Holy Cow- Ice Cream for Trivia with Zack & Larry	(56.35)			41,904.38
7/25/22	July P-Card- Amazon- Replacement bingo cards	(44.97)			41,859.41
7/25/22	July P-Card- Amazon- Bingo set & display Board	(92.05)			41,767.36
8/2/2022	Qtrly Distribution Knotts Trust 200-12			767.00	42,534.36
10/7/2022	Ck #51758- Newtown Comm. Center- Senior Pottery Class	(225.00)			42,309.36
10/28/2022	Qtrly Distribution Knotts Trust 200-77			767.00	43,076.36
10/31/2022	Deficiency payment for Knotts Trust 12/31/21 200-85			650.10	43,726.46

Attachment C

Proposed* Slate of Officer Nominees for the Next Commission on Aging

Anne Rothstein Chairperson

Barbara Bloom Vice-Chair

LeReine Frampton..... Treasurer

****Interest was expressed by these candidates in various conversations and by email.***

----Prepared by Claire Theune and LeReine Frampton of the COA Nominating Committee.

December 19, 2022.