

## **COMMISSION ON AGING ANNUAL MEETING**

**Monday, February 27, 2017 5:00 pm**

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING.

The Commission on Aging held an annual meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT.

**Call to order:** 5:02 pm.

**Present:** Anna Wiedemann, Curt Symes, Barbara Bloom, John Boccuzzi, George Guidera, Margaret Imbro, Anne Rothstein, Ruby Ryles, Mae Schmidle, Lisa Krauss, LeReine Franmpton.

**Absent:** Claire Theune

**Also Present:** First Selectman Pat Llodra, Marilyn Place, Ann LoBosco, and 7 members of the public.

**BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Symes briefly reviewed the agenda and asked new members and continuing members of the Commission on Aging to introduce themselves. Mr. Symes recapped a meeting that he had with First Selectman Pat Llodra, Ms. Wiedemann, and Mr. Guidera. (Attachment A)

### **COMMISSION ON AGING OFFICERS:**

**Ms. Imbro made a motion as part of the nominating committee, to accept the new slate of officers presented at the November meeting: Anna Wiedemann – Chair, George Guidera – Vice Chair, Mae Schmidle – Parliamentarian, Lisa Krauss – Treasurer,** seconded by John Boccuzzi and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** none.

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** Ms. Weidemann distributed the Annual Reports which were also sent by email to the Commission. (Attachment B)

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:** Ms. Weidemann provided a schedule of meetings for 2017. (Attachment C)

### **2017 PRIORITIES**

*Educate community on the referendum* – Mr. Guidera reported that he had a good meeting with First Selectman Pat Llodra along with Mr. Symes and Ms. Wiedemann. Ms. Llodra explained that there is a \$3 million bonding resolution that will be acted on the budget referendum for the development of the senior center. The new charter requires that projects of a certain value be put on a budget referendum on April 25. On the ballot there will be several questions including approving bonding resolution for the senior center. Ms. Llodra said that it is important to get the

word out to the public that there will be a public vote on April 25. In describing how the actual ballot looks, Ms. Frampton said that the questions will be on the back of the ballot. Ms. Llodra suggested that the Commission on Aging take steps to help seniors become familiar with the ballot as best as possible. Ms. Llodra passed out a sample of what the budget referendum questions look like. (Attachment D)

*New Senior Center construction* – Mr. Guidera asked about governance of the new space. Ms. Llodra said that is to be decided. Mr. Symes explained that one of the benefits of the new space, approximately 6,500 square feet dedicated to the senior center, is that it will foster intergenerational activities since it will be connected to the town community center serving the entire community. As soon as the referendum is passed, design of the senior center can begin. Ms. Llodra said that the location is to be at Site B Fairfield Hills, off the right of the NYA, but not connected to the NYA, almost right across from the municipal center. Completion may take up to 18 months. Mr. Guidera expressed that we need to raise awareness to seniors in our community. Ms. Wiedemann will reach out to the press. Ms. Ryles suggested expanding their coverage in places where seniors gather. Mr. Guidera added that he hopes that all commission members will be actively involved with the progress of the senior center.

*Improve senior citizen tax relief program: League of Senior Voters* – Ms. Wiedemann said that they had a meeting with the League of Seniors Voters last week and again are meeting March 15. She encouraged commission members to attend the meeting.

*Looks at way taxes could be reduced* – Mr. Symes predicted there will be more activity regarding the referendum this year, as it reaches the school community as well as the senior community.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** none.

There being no further business, **Ms. Schmidle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 pm,** seconded by Ms. Imbro and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

## **COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, February 27, 2017 5:49 pm**

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION ON AGING.

The Commission on Aging held a regular on Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT.

**Call to order:** 5:50 pm.

**Present:** Anna Wiedemann, Curt Symes, Barbara Bloom, John Boccuzzi, George Guidera, Margaret Imbro, Anne Rothstein, Ruby Ryles, Mae Schmidle, Lisa Krauss, LeReine Franmpton.

**Absent:** Claire Theune

**Also Present:** Marilyn Place, Ann LoBosco, and 7 members of the public.

**BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Wiedemann announced the change in the agenda. (Attachment E)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** none.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Attachment F) Ms. Wiedemann distributed the monthly report and asked if there were any questions.

**Ms. Guidera made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report,** second by Ms. Imbro and unanimously approved.

**Mr. Guidera made a motion to approve reimbursement of \$23.00 to Mr. Symes,** seconded by Ms. Imbro and unanimously approved.

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES REPORT:** (Attachment G) Ms. Place reviewed upcoming programs. Ms. Place requested monies for St. Patty's Day Irish Americans \$110.00 and monies for Multi-Part Wellness Series is \$110 per session x 3 from gift account, a total of \$440.00.

**Mr. Boccuzzi moved to pay \$440.00 for the series mentioned above,** seconded by Ms. Bloom and unanimously approved.

**DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT:** (Attachment H) Ms. LoBosco reviewed Operation Fuel Program, renewals, Medicare savings, promoting March 9 Fairfield County Giving Day and possibly include a link for giving on the webpage.

**COMMUNICATION REPORT:** Ms. Ryles said that she would like to conduct more research to develop a profile for Newtown seniors. Mr. Guidera said that a lot of information is available and he would provide guidance with accessing existing profile statistics. Mr. Symes asked for definition by certain age grouping, Ms. Frampton offered to provide information.

**FRIENDS OF NEWTOWN SENIORS:** Mr. Boccuzzi said that paperwork is in for the 501 (C) (3) organization. He is putting together a Volunteer Fair for May and continuing to provide volunteer opportunities for seniors, bringing Newtown volunteer agencies together, a sub-committee is in formation. Mr. Boccuzzi will share reports ongoing. He met today with the CT Coalition on Aging, which conducted a survey, he would like to distribute to members of the commission for ideas for livable community issues. They are also looking into transportation and will coordinate with Ms. Place regarding the van and explore grant opportunities.

**REPORT ON MEETING WITH THE BOE:** (Attachment I) Ms. Wiedemann met with the BOE on February 4, 2017. Ms. Wiedemann is on a BOE subcommittee, there is an effort by the BOE to clarify the budget and make efforts to reach out to seniors and work together. It is important to communicate to seniors, especially with the upcoming referendum. It was suggested not to go door-to-door, but communicate information locally.

Ms. Wiedemann requested that commission members participate fully and come to the senior center as often as possible.

Mr. Boccuzzi added that 30 people signed up for the self-defense program at the NYA.

Ms. Bloom would like to apply for an art grant. **Mr. Boccuzzi moved that Ms. Bloom be able to apply for the art grant,** seconded by Mr. Guidera and unanimously approved.

Mr. Symes recognized the work of Sheila Torres who served over 6 years on the commission and did an excellent job.

Ms. Wiedemann recognized Mr. Symes work on the commission and thanked him for his service.

Ms. Ryles asked for coordinating outreach regarding the vote. Ms. Place asked to connect with her for outreach. Contact Ms. Wiedemann for information to go on a flyer. Ms. Wiedemann will reach out to the media.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None**

There being no further business, **Ms. Schmidle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm,** seconded by Ms. Imbro and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

**MEETING WITH THE FIRST SELECTMAN**  
**ON FEBRUARY 3, 2017**

On February 3, 2017, Anna, George and Curt met with First Selectman Pat Llodra for the purpose of going over the business before the Commission on Aging.

Four (4) important pieces of information came out of the meeting:

(1) The \$3.0 Million proposal to construct a new Senior Center will definitely be in the Town Budget Referendum to be voted on on April 25<sup>th</sup>. There is no expectation by the First Selectman that the Senior Center proposal will be removed from the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) List by the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, or Legislative Council. The \$3.0 million Senior Center appropriation is NOT a separate, or stand-alone budget proposal. It is part and parcel of the Selectmen's Budget. So, if the Selectmen's Budget passes at the Referendum, then the Senior Center will be approved. Conversely, if the Selectmen's Budget is defeated in the Referendum by the voters, then the Senior Center proposal would also be defeated. So, it is our obligation on the Commission on Aging to get people to vote "Yes" on the Selectmen's Budget at the Referendum in April.

(2) If the Senior Center (the Selectmen's Budget) is approved by the voters in the Referendum in April, the Town will break ground this year for the construction of the Senior Center.

(3) The Selectmen want the Commission on Aging to engage with them on the design of the new Senior Center and its governance.

(4) The new Senior Center will be physically attached to the new Community Center and will share a commercial kitchen with the Community Center.

Our responsibility to the Seniors this year, then, is to make noise at Budget Referendum time for the approval of the Selectmen's Budget, to spend time in reviewing and discussing the plans for the new Senior Center, and suggesting a strong plan for the governance of the Center.



## Senior Center/Senior Services

The Senior Center operates in the Multi-Purpose Building at 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The mission of the Newtown Senior Center is to provide our older citizens with a place to gather in a friendly environment where they may participate in social, cultural and educational activities. And enhance independence, support mental physical and social well-being.

The purpose of the center is to facilitate self-help and mutual support relationships as seniors share ideas and coping mechanisms. As can be seen, the Senior Center is NOT a day-care facility, but rather an enabling facility to help seniors make the most of every day. The office also disseminates information about resources available and assists in applying for benefits.

The Center is the focal point for distribution of elder services. These services include: Monthly blood pressure clinics, flu shot clinics, mini-bus transportation, HICAP/CHOICES counseling, speakers, intergenerational programs, recreation, day and/or overnight trips, travel club for travel abroad, Exercise, Zumba Gold, Yoga, Qi Gong, Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Morning meditation, Chair Pilates, Chair Strength Training, Crafts, Educational, Health, Wellness and Nutritional Seminars, Chorus, Quilting, Knitting, Ball Room Dancing, Language Lessons, Barn Dancing, Monthly Book Discussions, Hot Topics/Current Event Group, Men's Breakfast, Intergenerational Programs, Themed Parties, Art, Living Skills Seminars, Various Health Screenings, and Cultural History Presentations. The Senior Center hosts an annual picnic, Mother's Day Tea, monthly theme bingo parties (such as our Halloween bingo Party), the Country Hoe Down, annual Holiday Party, also the annual Harvest Bazaar.

A nutritional hot meal @ \$3.00 donation is served Monday - Thursday through CW Resources out of New Britain.

The Senior Center is a volunteer station for the national R.S.V.P., the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Volunteers do work in the schools, library, and the Senior Center, drive for FISII (medical appointments only), information centers in Connecticut, and other organizations in the community. The type of work at the Center has included folding and addressing the monthly newsletter, knitting and crocheting quilts for the homeless, sewing ABC quilts for AIDS projects, lap quilts for the VA hospital, Quilts of Valor, and for the Praxiar Center. Cards for Troops, comfy pillows and chemo caps for hospice, and other worthwhile projects for United Way, RSVP, QOV.gov and the American Cancer Society.

The W.C.A.A.A., (Western Conn. Area Agency on Aging) has designated the Newtown Senior Center a Focal Point, providing older persons and/or caregivers of older persons, with the maximum direct access possible for services available within our community.

The Center hosts A.A.R.P., volunteers during tax season to help seniors do their returns and sponsors 55 Alive Safety Driving program for seniors.

We have a bi-monthly newsletter containing information on current benefit programs, living skills forums, health clinics, and all senior-related activities, classes, and recreational opportunities. Membership dues are \$20.00 per person (resident) and \$25pp (non-resident) for the fiscal year.

The Center is serviced by the SweetHART Bus, which provides door-to-door service M-F and half day Saturday which is funded mainly by federal and town funds. Not only for seniors but for all disabled persons. The cost is \$1.00 each way.

The Senior Center introduced **TRIAD** 15 years ago. **TRIAD** is a coalition of senior citizens, businesses, police and volunteers working for a safer community, especially for elderly citizens. **TRIAD** introduced to the community the **File of Life**, the **Yellow Dot Program**, the **Beacon Light**, and the **Safety Light-Stick Program**. Quality of life is promoted through education, creative problem solving, prevention and special initiatives. Crime reporting, timely intervention and follow-up are considered high priority. A **TRIAD** strives to reduce crime against seniors, demystify police services, enhance police-senior rapport, foster community involvement and coordinate needs and resources.

SENIOR SERVICES - MEASURES & INDICATORS							
(Fiscal Year)							
Measure/Indicator	Actual 2010	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Actual 2015	Est 2016
Paid members	440	376	387	365	340	390	410
Members	952	950	1,059	923	929	950	950
Outreach/Health programs	42	36	36	36	36	36	36
Trips	45	54	65	58	48	48	44
Programs/Classes	50	50	55	55	62	70	72
Meal site clients	63	146	131	74	51	60	43
Note: Paid members are those v \$20 resident \$25 non resident utilize flu shot clinics, income tax preparation, seminars, AARP etc. bi-weekly blood pressure screening and mealsite							

Marilyn Place  
Director of Senior Center/Senior Services

**MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY**  
**July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

The Municipal Agent for the Elderly serves Newtown residents over the age of 60 and the disabled over the age of 18. The Municipal Agent disseminates information about resources available and assists in applying for benefits. It also provides outreach to the homebound, advocacy and help in times of crisis.

The Municipal Agent's office is located in Social Services, 3 Main Street (lower level). Nunnawauk Housing for the Elderly is serviced on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:00 helping clients who reside there.

The Municipal Agent administers the following programs: Connecticut Energy Assistance Program, Operation Fuel, Emergency Food Assistance, Property Tax Relief for the Elderly, and Renters Rebate Program for the elderly and disabled over the age of 18.

Services to the elderly also include assistance with applications for State and Federal programs such as the Medicare Part D for prescriptions, QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program), Title 19 (Medicaid) and Social Security.

The Municipal Agent is also a CHOICES/SHIP Counselor (CT State Health Insurance Assistance Program) assisting the elderly with Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Part D and Medicare Supplement Plans.

Needs of Newtown seniors are home care, affordable housing and financial help, especially for items that are not covered by Medicare such as glasses, dentures and hearing aids. Additional areas of concern include transportation, legal aid, alleviation of loneliness, assistance with bills and correspondence for medical insurance problems.

Ann LoBosco  
Municipal Agent for the Elderly



## Report of grants committee Activities 2016

### Pottery- application during 2015 implementation 2016

John Boccuzzi discussed ideas for grant funding with Marilyn Place and it was decided that art would be the focus of the grant initiatives for the 2015-2016 calendar year. Since neither the COA or the town qualified to apply to the Western Connecticut Coalition of the Arts John Boccuzzi applied as a Connecticut artist.

John Boccuzzi senior applied for the REGI grant as a Connecticut artist. Barbara bloom helped prepare the budget for this project. During 2016 the funds were finally made available for the REGI grant which John Boccuzzi generously donated to the town to operate the pottery program at the Newtown Senior Center and the Brookfield Arts Center. Marilyn Place requested that John take the lead on this project and John engaged Lynn Welsh the art teacher at the Senior Center as teacher of the hand built portion of the program to take place at the Newtown Senior Center. John then negotiated a set price with the Brookfield Senior Center for the wheel portion of the program. John also worked with the Ceramic artist at the Brookfield center Clare Lewis to develop a materials list for both programs. Marilyn Place ordered all of the materials from an art supplier since she has experience with both art supplies and with procurement of materials through the town process. Those which could most sensibly be purchased locally. John Boccuzzi supplied trays, rulers, scissors, felt paper and some of the other supplies and purchased the remaining at Home Depot. The program had 20 participants in the hand building program and 4 in the wheel portion- the wheel could accommodate 8 but only 4 felt they had the hand strength and/or were willing to pay the \$35 amount required by the grant.

### Krav Maga/self-defense application during 2016 implementation 2017

In the Winter of 2016 with the Pottery program under way from the 2015 grant. John Boccuzzi proposed to the Commission on Aging COA that a grant application be made to Western Connecticut Agency on Aging WCAAA for training in Krav Maga self- defense. John could not apply for the grant but assisted Barbara Bloom in the application process. At the same time a second grant proposal was made related to the continued arts initiative. Sheila Torres was lead on this proposal. Both if funded would run from September 1 2016 to July 1 2017. John also collaborated with organizations which could apply for grants not available to the COA or Friends of Newtown Seniors. The Krav Maga proposal was successful and two phases will be implemented during March and April. The Krav Maga will be offered at NYA- 32 individuals have signed up for this 6 week program. It will be taught by the only certified black belt in Connecticut. Mrs. Place requested that the programs not be run at the center and it was arranged by Friends of Newtown Seniors to hold the Krav Maga Program at NYA. By special arrangements Barbara Bloom got permission to do a second more standard self defense program during April. By special arrangements Barbara Bloom got permission to do a second more standard self defense program during April. As in the case of the Krav Maga this program will also be held outside the center at Sunshine Fitness. Both NYA and Sunshine Fitness have a relationship with Friends of Newtown Seniors and have offered their facility free of charge the only charge is for the instruction.

Other grants were not successful.

**Newtown Commission on Aging (COA)**  
**Communications Committee**  
Activities Report for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

The mission of the Communications Committee is to create and execute strategies to effectively communicate the activities and accomplishments of the COA to the general public and specific stakeholders in the fulfillment of its mission as leading advocate for the seniors of Newtown. The Committee provides communications support for the COA in its advocacy based on studies, research and the identification of the needs of the senior population of Newtown.

The Communications Committee produced a newsletter prototype, for the consideration of the COA, to serve as a vehicle to communicate the activities/accomplishments of the COA as well as a vehicle to transmit aging related information for the consumption and benefit of seniors.

The Communications Committee produced a tri-fold brochure that includes a photo of the members of the COA, the names and titles of the members, an explanation of the role of the COA and an abbreviated profile of the Newtown senior. The brochure was produced to help the public understand the work of the COA and the senior community it advocates for.

The Committee advocated for a plan that communicates on a mass level with the public on behalf of the senior community as various issues arise that have a negative or positive impact on the lives of the Newtown senior population. The committee proposed initiating a communications platform to deliver news about the COA and the seniors to not only the news media but to municipal leaders, state and national legislative leaders representing Newtown, as well as local and state senior advocacy agencies.

The Committee chair worked tirelessly during the year to ensure that Newtown has a presence on the Aging Well CT website for Western Connecticut seniors. The site is designed to enhance the aging experience of multi-town seniors by providing resources and information to support healthy aging. Among the towns that have signed on or expected to sign on are Danbury, New Milford, New Fairfield, Bethel, Newtown, Woodbury, Ridgefield, Sherman, and others. The website, scheduled to launch soon, is expected to be transformative in the lives of seniors and caregivers. The site's content will serve as a comprehensive roadmap for aging healthily, happily and actively. Due to successful fundraising on the part of site's sponsors, the cost for town sign-on is minimal. The COA has voted to secure a page on the website for the benefit of the Newtown seniors. The committee chair is a member of the website development team and the Aging in Place Council, the entity of origin for the website.

The Committee has initiated a research project that is expected to yield a comprehensive profile of the Newtown senior, a component that is critical in communicating to and about this demographic.

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1		SENIOR SERVICES		FRANK		
2		GIFT FUND		KNOTTS		
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5	DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	CID	FUND	GRANT	BALANCE
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8	12/12/2015	TRUST DISTRIBUTION-T-37791		557.45		48,091.41
9	4/18/2016	TRUST DISTRIBUTION-T-51771		557.45		48,648.87
10	4/18/2016	TRUST DISTRIBUTION (Add'l) T-51772		358.00		49,006.87
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12	5/4/2016	P-Card- Bn Y	(71.49)			48,935.41
13	5/4/2016	P-Card-Dollar Tree	(22.33)			48,913.08
14	5/4/2016	P-Card- Michaels	(76.69)			48,836.39
15	5/4/2016	P-Card- Shoprite	(44.34)			48,792.05
16	5/26/2016	CK #23403- Arthur Gottlieb- History Presentation	(330.00)			48,462.05
17	5/26/2016	CK #23452-Marilyn Place- Rem for Senior Appreciation Day	(46.53)			48,415.52
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19	6/4/2016	P-Card- Michaels	(43.58)			48,372.14
20	6/4/2016	P-Card- Lollipops	(154.75)			48,217.39
21	6/4/2016	P-Card- Hollanda	(86.65)			48,130.74
22	6/4/2016	P-Card- Bobs	(433.98)			47,700.38
23						
24	6/30/2016	Donations- Newtown Lights and Taunton Press-T-61161	1,150.00			48,850.38
25	6/30/2016	Shredding Day Income-T-51965	2,045.10			50,904.48
26	6/30/2016	Sandy Hook donations	262.25			51,166.73
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28			1297.49	1,472.92		
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30		GRANT-WCMAA				
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32	12/7/2016	CK #21970- Eileen Byrnes			(120.00)	
33	12/7/2016	CK #21968- Susan Bradley			(200.00)	
34	12/7/2016	CK #22007- Claudia Landwehr			(200.00)	
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36	2/16/2016	CK #22197- Eileen Byrnes			(120.00)	
37	2/16/2016	CK #22194- Susan Bradley			(160.00)	
38	2/16/2016	CK #22234- Claudia Landwehr			(160.00)	
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41	12/30/2015	GRANT- BEGS-POTTERY CLASS			4,954.00	
42	2/16/2016	CK #22326- Lynn Welsh			(148.55)	
43	2/16/2016	CK #22192- John Bocuzzi			(27.90)	
44	3/4/2016	P-Card- Ceramic Supply, Dickcick, Dollar Tree			(474.69)	
45	4/4/2016	P-Card- Black Art Supplies			(218.55)	
46	4/14/2016	CK #22346- Lynn Welsh- Pottery Supplies			(21.25)	
47	4/14/2016	CK #22822- John Bocuzzi- Pottery Supplies			(48.84)	
48	4/14/2016	CK #22560- Lynn Welsh- Pottery Class (March)			(388.00)	
49	5/6/2016	P-Card- Michaels			(48.24)	
50	6/4/2016	P-Card- Dick Black			(97.50)	
51	6/30/2016	CK #23952- Brookfield Craft Center			(70.00)	
52	6/30/2016	Payment for Pottery			(1,500.00)	
53	7/7/2016	CK #23795- Brookfield Craft Center (June Bill)			1,694.38	
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## ATTACHMENT C

The following is list of meetings of the Commission on Aging for 2017. Meetings are held at the Newtown Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, Connecticut, at 5:00 p.m.

January 23, 2017

February 27, 2017

March 20, 2017

April 17, 2017

May 15, 2017

June 19, 2017

July 17, 2017

August 21, 2017

September 18, 2017

October 16, 2017

November 20, 2017

December 18, 2017

January 22, 2018

# Budget Referendum ~~May 10, 2016~~

ATTACHMENT b

	YES	NO
1) "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$46,763,858 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$34,703,538 and debt service of \$12,060,320 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, be approved?" YES/NO	1971	830
	YES	NO
2) "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$90,374,229 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, be approved?" YES/NO	1414	1398
	YES	NO
3) "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,875,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, be approved? YES/NO"	2316	484
	YES	NO
4) "Shall the resolution appropriating \$2,000,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of Phase 1 of the Branchville Transit Oriented Development Study, \$548,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of a Prospect Ridge parking area and \$150,000 for planning, design, acquisition and construction of sidewalk improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$2,698,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of any State grants received for such purpose and it is anticipated that grants will cover all expenditures under the appropriation), be approved? YES/NO"	1649	1134
	YES	NO
5) "Shall the resolution appropriating \$187,033 for the design and acquisition of a highway Mack truck, \$138,000 for the design and acquisition of a mowing tractor for Town roads, \$83,000 for the design and acquisition of a backhoe, and \$225,000 for refurbishment of Engine #3 and authorizing the issuance of \$633,033 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO"	1959	826
	YES	NO
6) "Shall the resolution appropriating \$62,500 for the design and acquisition of Venus Building windows, \$46,000 for the design and acquisition of Highway Garage 1 floor repairs, and \$87,000 for the design and acquisition of East Ridge Middle School roof repairs and authorizing the issuance of \$195,500 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO"	2093	663
	YES	NO
7) "Shall the resolution appropriating \$355,282 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of school energy conservation measures (which is expected to result in \$92,405 of incentive savings) and \$453,886 for school portion of the public safety radio system and authorizing the issuance of \$809,168 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO"	1916	843

Sample

- Town budget referendum  
 - Apr. 25, 2017  
 - Board of Education budget  
 - Board of Selectman budget  
 - H.S. projects  
 - Road project  
 - Senior Center

## ATTACHMENT E

When discussing the annual meeting - add a line about the by laws having been adopted as well as the schedule of meetings. I have given out a copy of the dates and that is in your packets.

I am going to propose changing the Regular Meeting.

1, 2 remains the same. 3 comes out because this was already done.

4 remains the same

5-10 will now read: Reports:

Treasurer: Lisa Krauss  
Director of Senior Services: Marilyn Place  
Director of Social Services: Ann LoBosco  
Communication: Ruby Ryles  
FONS: John Boccuzzi  
Report on Meeting with the BOE: Anna Wiedeman

11 and 12 remain the same

Adjournment

Anna Wiedemann, Chairman



ATTACHMENT  
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7	7/1/16	Beginning Balance				49,166.73
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9	7/19/2016	Trust Distribution T-4772				49,724.19
10	7/28/2016	Donation-T6608	25.00	557.46		49,749.19
11						
12	8/8/2016	Holiday Hill-picnic	(448.00)			49,301.19
13						
14	9/1/2016	Ck #24680- Arthur Gottlieb	(330.00)			48,971.19
15	9/1/2016	Ck #24712- Newtown Cultural Arts	(105.00)			48,866.19
16						
17	10/14/2016	September P-Cards- Katom Resta	(282.30)			48,583.89
18	10/14/2016	September P-Cards- Katom Resta	(69.09)			48,514.80
19	10/18/2016	Trust Distribution- T-21733		557.46		49,072.26
20	10/27/2016	Ck #25457- Michael's At The Grove	(400.00)			48,672.26
21	10/27/2016	Ck #25459- Minuteman Press	(153.50)			48,518.76
22	10/31/2016	Reclass for Vistaprint(per COA minutes)	(192.30)			48,326.46
23						
24	11/10/2016	Ck #25723- Lynn Welsh	(118.12)			48,208.34
25	11/21/2016	Senior Center Bazaar receipts T-28220		2,327.67		50,536.01
26						
27	12/4/2016	Dec P-Card- Big Y	(26.56)			50,509.45
28	12/4/2016	Dec P- Card- Big Y	(34.76)			50,474.69
29	12/8/2016	Ck #26048- Sean McKee-DJ	(250.00)			50,224.69
30	12/8/2016	Ck #26064- Marilyn Place-reim Exp	(22.37)			50,202.32
31	12/8/2016	Ck #26049- Michaels at the Grove-Xmas	(630.00)			49,572.32
32	12/15/2016	50/50 & reg raffle receipts T-31754		233.00		49,805.32
33	12/20/2016	Xmas Bazaar receipts T-33276		12.00		49,817.32
34						49,817.32
35	1/5/2017	Ck #26386- Clare Lewis-Pottery Program	(127.50)			49,689.82
36	1/18/2017	Trust Distribution- T-36784				
37	1/19/2017	Ck #26386- Brookfield Craft Center-Pottery	(137.50)	562.15		50,114.47
38						
39			(3,327.00)	2,597.67	1,677.07	50,114.47



	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
40							
41	Grant WCAAA						
42	Grant -Regi-Pottery					1,664.38	
43							
44	7/26/2016	Ck #24135- Brookfield Craft Center				(182.50)	
45	7/28/2016	Payment for Pottery Class-T-6609				70.00	
46	8/18/2016	Ck #24566- Lynn Welsh				(615.00)	
47	9/15/2016	Ck #24931- Lynn Welsh				(285.00)	
48	9/15/2016	Ck #24796- Brookfield Craft Center				(182.50)	
49	10/27/2016	Ck #25517- Lynn Welsh				(457.50)	
50	11/7/2016	Ck #25723-Lynn Welsh				(11.88)	
51						0.00	

NEWTOWN SENIOR CENTER  
Director of Senior Services  
Nov 19, 2016 – Feb 24, 2017

ATTACHMENT  
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PROGRAMS                      NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS (NOV , DEC and JAN.)

	Nov	Dec	Jan
Meditation	26	17	31
Zumba Gold	11	32	34
Exercise	282	192	173
Floor Yoga (2 days)	68	63	82
Chair Yoga (2 day)	36	45	66
Cards	21	20	20
Mah Jong	4	4	4
Bingo/Keno	12	22	34
Lunch	73	52	85
Hot Dog/pizza Luncheon		17	
Knitting	18	29	27
Iris Fold cards	16	12	10
Quilting/sewing	8	8	8
Walk-Ins	18	12	28
Billiards/ping pong	13	8	12
Crafts	32	12	10
Trips	51	16	29
Newsletter		7	
Wii	13	6	6
Painting/Art	24	19	20
Special events	17	107	43
Tai Chi	45	27	31
Qi Gong	36	31	
AARP Safe Driving	18		
Ballroom Line dance	24	18	24
Barn Dance	27	32	39
Current Events Discussion	54	47	29
Spanish Lessons	34	22	41
Speakers	61	31	43
Chair Pilates	26	11	22
Strength & Balance	22	18	29
Inter-generational w/ CAC	45	40	43
Password	13	10	6
Blood Pressure	10	12	19

Attendance Daily:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs	Friday	Monthly Attendance
NOV	241	267	235	199	83	1025
DEC	110	204	155	250	191	920
JAN	152	178	206	307	232	1075

## COMPLETED EVENTS:

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|---|------------------------|
| • Thanksgiving Bingo                        | Nov 21                 |
| • Newtown Community Health Fair             | Nov 19                 |
| • Senior Center Trim the Tree               | Dec 2                  |
| • Senior Center Annual Holiday Party        | Dec 8/snow date Dec 12 |
| • Holiday Cookie Swap                       | Dec 14                 |
| • Time Square discussion w/ Arthur Gottlieb | Dec 15                 |
| • Annual Holiday Bingo Party                | Dec 19                 |
| • Be Aware Be Prepared                      | Jan 11                 |
| • Recycle Bingo                             | Jan 18                 |
| • Afternoon Tea/Bingo                       | Jan 19                 |
| • PILOBOLUS (ASAP)                          | Jan 23-27              |
| • Chess Club (Inter-generational)           | Jan 13 ongoing         |
| • Newtown Comprehensive Foot Care           | Jan 27                 |
| • Taekwondo Academy                         | Jan 25                 |
| • Iris Folding Valentines                   | Feb 14                 |
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

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|---|----------|
| • AARP Driver Safety Program                      | March 10 |
| • St of CT public utilities reg. authority (PURA) | March 31 |
| • Newtown Senior Citizen Recognition Day          | April 13 |
| • Annual Mother's Day Tea                         | May 12   |

## TRIPS:

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| • UCONN vs. SMU basketball             | Feb 11    |
| • Ct Flower Show                       | Feb 23    |
| • AAC Women's basketball semi-finals   | Mar 5     |
| • St Patrick's Celebration @ Aqua Turf | Mar 14    |
| • Mohegan Sun                          | Mar 21    |
| • Mama Mia @ WBT                       | April 20  |
| • Glenn Miller Orchestra               | May 15    |
| • National Parks Experience            | Oct 10-16 |

## CRUISES:

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|--|--------------------|
| • Florida & The Bahamas                    | Feb 19-26, 2017    |
| • Panama Canal                             | March 13-23, 2017  |
| • Transatlantic Cruise Spain/Canary Island | Oct 19-Nov 3, 2017 |

## SPEAKERS:

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|---|----------|
| 1. Code Red and Smart 911 Be Aware Be Prepared                                | Jan11    |
| 2. Physician One urgent Care  | Jan 20   |
| 3. Newtown Comprehensive Foot Care w/ Dr. Huynh /different types of arthritis | Jan 27   |
| 4. St of CT Public Utilities  | March 31 |

## Lunch and Learns:

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| 1. Lunch and Learn w/ Masonicare..... Beating the winter blues | Feb 24   |
| 2. St Patty's Luncheon and Irish Americans                     | March 17 |
| 3. Best Friend's Approach to Dementia                          | April 7  |
| 4. Vein Institute of CT Free Screening                         | April 28 |

**Cultural History Series: Continues w/ Arthur Gottlieb LSCW**

1. Friday March 17 @ 12:30 Irish Americans
2. Monday June 5 @ 1:00 Monuments of Washington DC

**MULTI-PART WELLNESS SERIES:**

1. Understanding Interpersonal Boundaries (interpretation of communication) Tuesday April 18 @ 1:00
2. Baby Boomers and the Denial of Aging Thursday April 27 @ 10:30 Breakfast refreshments
3. Understanding Depression or Demystifying Dementia Thursday May 11 @ 1:00

**New fun programs**

1. "Fran and Friends". Every other Monday @ 2
2. Poker Tuesday @ 1:30
3. Chess Club once a month on Fridays @ 3
4. Barn Dance Thursdays @ 2
5. Free Style Dance Wednesdays @ 3 starting March 15<sup>th</sup>
6. Mandala/Adult Coloring Thursday @ 1-2 & 3-4

**GIFT FUND:**

\$233 deposited from 50/50 and raffle @ Holiday party

Monies for St Patty's Day Irish Americans \$110

Monies for Multi -Part Wellness Series is \$110 per session X 3...\$330 from gift acct is requested.

**TOTAL: \$440 requested**

**REMINDER:**

Aging Well CT ....Buck's Foundation website Start-up fee was voted on July 18 for \$1200 using monies from shredding day

Good news the fee is now \$800 with a one-time fee of Photo Scroll of \$250

Annual Fee for website maintenance is \$500.....TOTAL \$1550

More discussion at meeting.

The annual Holiday Party was a joyful time for all. 107 attended.

This year 20 "guests" were sponsored.

The weather, the food, the entertainment was perfect.

AARP Driving Safety Classes are scheduled for the year. First is March 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4:30.

AARP Income Tax Assistance started Monday Feb 6 will continue through April 10.... TOTALLY FILLED.

New inter-generational program with Head O' Meadow School second graders writing project starts March 29

Dance Teams from Lathrop School of Dance will perform at the Center April 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00

**More Upcoming Events for Seniors:**

For the new year several cultural speakers have been scheduled, 3 senior picnics, 6 AARP Driving Safety Programs, 12 Lunch and Learns, 24 day trips, 12 overnight trips, senior gatherings w/ Nunnawauk Meadows ...more to come.

Through the Dept. of Health and BVNA a Fall Prevention Program will be starting in Sept...Dates not yet confirmed.

Keeping the seniors busy and active.



**Marilyn**

## MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

COA – February 27, 2017

### Program Statistics

Energy Assistance Applications (101 applications to date)

Food Pantry (45 individuals/families visit weekly)

Operation Fuel Program began December 1<sup>st</sup> – (4 applications to date - \$1,848.00 total)

Salvation Army – (7 applications to date - \$1,754.80.00 total)

Took an elderly man who had his license revoked to Easter Seals Mobility to have his driving skills evaluated. Their one concern was his vision; therefore, I will be taking him to an eye specialist to test his vision, balance, etc. If he does well at the appointment, he will be able to take the second part of the driving assessment. If he does not, he will not be able to drive and we will look for services for him. His probate hearing was held on February 21<sup>st</sup> and a conservator of the estate was appointed by the court. I will be working with the conservator during the transition.

Completed a two-hour course at WCAAA updating CHOICES counselors on Medicare.

Completed an AccessHealthCT webinar which focused on transitioning from AccessHealth to Medicare as well as Premium Tax Credits and financial help available to applicants.

Attended an Opioid Overdose Prevention & Narcan Training at the Parent Connection. Learned how to use Narcan, a medication that can reverse an overdose.

Jennifer Crane and members of the CSW met with us to review our services and discuss how the new database will serve both of our departments. The CSW is working on the installation of the program and training will occur in the near future.

Worked on the Social Services webpage on the Town's website; will continue to add content when appropriate.

**MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ON FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

On Saturday, February 4, 2017 the Newtown Board of Education invited Newtown Seniors to meet with them concerning their Budget for 2017-2018. There were about 30 Seniors in attendance at the meeting. Anna, George, Curt and John Boccuzzi attended the meeting. Dr. Erardi said that he expected the proposed new school budget to increase by almost 2% over last year. Of course, this would not be a final figure because the Board of Finance and then the Legislative Council have authority to reduce the budget. Also, the final figure is subject to approval of the voters at Referendum.

It appeared that the Board of Education expected resistance to their 2017-2018 budget principally from Seniors, although Dr. Erardi said that he understood that there were many people of all ages who were suffering and finding it difficult or impossible to make ends meet. He said that he understood that lost jobs, lost health coverage and a significant decline in home values had affected everyone. And yet, the Board invited only the Seniors to the meeting.

Dr. Erardi cited increased costs of about 3% in per-pupil costs statewide, but did not address how a 30% to 35% reduction in the school population over the past 8 or 10 years has failed to translate into a significant reduction in the Newtown School Budget.

One Senior who spoke stated that he felt that people just do not understand how a school population can decrease by 35% and the school budget still rise. This speaker predicted that School Budgets might begin to be turned down at Referendum if this continued.

This may not be an accurate prediction, however, because many taxpayers focus on the increase in taxes only, not the long-term increase.

There was criticism of the Board for failing to close one of the Elementary Schools in Town. The savings for such a closing would be \$1.0 million per year. The Board of Education's answer to that criticism was that there would actually be savings by not closing one of the Elementary schools, but no details were given as to how that could possibly be so.