

**COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING**

December 18, 2017 5:00 pm

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

The Commission on Aging held a meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017 at the Senior Center, 14 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT.

Call to order: Ms. Wiedemann called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

PRESENT: Anna Wiedemann, George Guidera, Anne Rothstein, Barbara Bloom, Curt Symes, John Boccuzzi, Claire Theune, Larry Passaro, Maureen Will, Ruby Ryles.

ABSENT: LeReine Frampton, Mae Schmidle.

ALSO PRESENT: Marilyn Place, Ann LoBosco, Officer Maryhelen McCarthy, 19 members of the public.

VOTER COMMENTS:

GUEST – AL MILES: IT Director for Town of Newtown, Mr. Miles provided an overview of the MySeniorCenter, software for Senior Centers. Mr. Miles said that he foresees no problems in the software fitting with the IT scope, it is compatible with existing systems and will take a day or two to install. The software can be adapted to the new Senior Center and will be mapped accordingly. Mr. Miles has preconfigured specs, a firewall to be installed, and once the device is installed, he sees no problems with technology needed. Ms. Place said the software is highly recommended and will improve efficiency, Mr. Symes added that it is used in ¾ of Senior Centers. Ms. Place distributed quote, which includes discount, and license terms.
(ATTACHMENT A) MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED TO GO AHEAD WITH PURCHASE OF MY SENIOR CENTER. SECOND BY MR SYMES. Ms. Place indicated that the funds will come from the gift fund. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (10-0)

MINUTES: MS. BLOOM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017 MEETING. SECOND BY MR. GUIDERA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES (10-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

REPORTS:

CHAIR: Ms. Wiedemann distributed the President's report (ATTACHMENT B). Ms. Wiedemann highlighted a recent event with State Senator Tony Hwang, who came to share and discuss legislation, policy changes, benefits, taxes. Senator Hwang and State Representative Mitch Bolinsky can be called on at any time to help answer questions. Ms. Wiedemann also noted that the Commission On Aging has visited many of the 55-and over communities in an effort to let these communities know about the Senior Center, she also thanked those in attendance for coming to today's meeting. Mr. Symes commented on the concern at the state level of funding programs, state department of Social Services not answering the phone, he will share his concerns with Senator Hwang and Representative Bolinsky. Ms. Place noted that there is talk

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about a petition in the works. Mr. Symes made mention of a rally, a class action suit for lack of activity. Mr. Symes expressed the need to back up Ms. Place and Ms. LoBosco and draft a letter to describe this plight in Newtown, all agreed.

VICE CHAIR: Mr. Guidera said that they met with the new First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, discussion of implementing programs prior to moving into the new Senior Center, they will be looking toward other Senior Centers for programming ideas. Mr. Guidera provided a construction update, that the expectation for opening is sometime in the spring of 2019. They have been meeting with architects and construction managers and will meet tomorrow night, he will provide updates going forward. Some bids are coming in under budget, he plans to attend meetings with Public Buildings and Site. Ms. Wiedemann pointed out that the budgets are set up \$3 million dedicated for the Senior Center and \$15 million dedicated for the Community Center. Mr. Passaro asked if the bids coming under are for concrete and steel, yes. Mr. Symes said that Caldwell and Walsh are a Newtown based business, the owner of the company lives in Newtown, he has a vested interest in both the Community Center and the Senior Center being done correctly. Mr. Guidera encouraged attendance at meetings.

DIRECTOR OF SENIOR SERVICES: Ms. Place distributed the monthly report, reviewed updates of events. (ATTACHMENT C) Ms. Place thanked the Commission On Aging for their support on the MySeniorCenter software. Regarding the meeting with Senator Hwang, Ms. Place noted that it was very well attended, standing room only. Also well-attended was the holiday party, 86 seniors at holiday party. 10 seniors sponsored and very thankful. Ms. Place noted the community care gov't initiatives, Hillside Food Outreach, a delivery of food service, to qualify - need food and low income and utilize a food pantry, she can tap into clients, delivered once a month on a weekend, an application needs to be filled out. Lunch and Learns programs continue to be strong.

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES: Ms. LoBosco distributed the Director of Social Services/Municipal Agent for the Elderly December 2017 report. (ATTACHMENT D) Ms. LoBosco said that holiday baskets were distributed, bell ringing had to be rescheduled due to a snow day, please see Ms. Wiedemann for schedule and sign up. The Renter's Rebate Program originally administered by OPM will now be in the hands of municipalities, problems with energy assistance program, and Medicare Savings program. Ms. LoBosco reached out to John Voket of the Newtown Bee regarding problems with programs. Mr. Symes explained that Medicaid, which is financial assistance when in a financially hard time, is almost shut down, some have stopped processing Medicaid applications because the state will reject the first submission, sometimes the second, sometimes takes 3 applications for review. The cost of submitting the application can be up to \$7,000 for processing. Don't know when it will be responded to, he suggested to bring it up in a letter. Mr. Passaro said that he reached out to Senator Hwang and State Representative Bolinsky for heating assistance for 3rd applicant, which had been delayed, it was approved and delivered just before Thanksgiving.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Rothstein distributed the financial report (ATTACHMENT E). Ms. Rothstein said a net gain of \$655, it will be different next month for MySeniorCenter software installation. MS. BLOOM MOVED TO FILE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUDIT. SECOND BY MR. GUIDERA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES (10-0).

SUB-COMMITTEE'S: SENIOR CENTER RESOURCE GUIDE – Ms. Theune sent around the guide, she asked to move it along in the process and suggested that the First Selectman write an introduction. Ms. Wiedemann will ask the First Selectman to write an introduction. Color of the guide will be in a bright pink. No decision on the printer yet.

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NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Bloom passed out list of nominees for 2018 (ATTACHMENT F). MR. BOCCUZZI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS. SECOND BY MR. SYMES. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES (10-0).

Ms. Place spoke to training individuals for active exercise programs, availability, and meeting most needed schedules. Mr. Symes commented that the new software will help with stats and will be helpful going forward. First Selectman Dan Rosenthal is very supportive of efforts of the Senior Center. It is a good idea to raise the level of awareness, start programs, prove success and move forward with programming. Mr. Boccuzzi said that Ms. Place has done a great job with programs, insuring free of charge, it is a good business model, with a fee of \$20 per year. Ms. Will added to also insure that those seniors, silent seniors, who are not doing a lot of things, there is concern over abuse and neglect of seniors. Ms. Bloom said that she would be happy to assist in finding teachers. Mr. Symes commented that there is a need to help seniors at every level. Mr. Boccuzzi thanked people in the audience who came tonight and Ms. Will suggested that a meeting could be held in the Town Municipal Center in the future. Mr. Passaro noted the publicizing of events around Town, and commented that increasing communication, including in the form of visibly publicizing senior activities will help raise level of awareness of the Senior Center and promote activities. Ms. Wiedemann spoke to the First Selectman about communication.

VOTER COMMENTS: Vicky Boccuzzi, 57 Queen Street – Ms. Boccuzzi expressed support for helping to get exercise programming back. Maureen McClenithan, Nunnawauk Meadows – Ms. McClenithan said that exercise programming is good but other programs are equally important.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

Attachments: MySeniorCenter Quote, Commission On Aging President's Report, Director of Senior Services Report, Director of Social Services/Municipal Agent for the Elderly Report, Treasurer's Report, Commission On Aging Proposed Slate of Office Nominees for 2018.

MySeniorCenter Quote - Newtown 12072017.pdf

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innovation at the center

QUOTE**ADDRESS**

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QUOTE # 6-090917-4605**DATE** 12/07/2017**EXPIRATION DATE** 12/28/2017

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
MySeniorCenter System Configuration with All in One Computer/Touchscreen and MySeniorCenter Management System and MySeniorCenter Touchscreen application. Includes one email-directional scanner, one webcam, and 800 standard MySeniorCenter keytags.	1	10,000.00	10,000.00
Voice Connect BASIC - unlimited calls	1	0.00	0.00
Voice Connect PREMIUM upgrade - unlimited calls; normally \$150 per year; free if purchased by 12/29/2017	1	0.00	0.00
CASCP MEMBER DISCOUNT	1	-3,370.00	-3,370.00
Web-based training and remote configuration	1	750.00	750.00
Shipping and handling	1	120.00	120.00
	1	0.00	0.00
Annual maintenance fee in subsequent years for the configuration listed above is \$1800 beginning in year 2. Any changes to the configuration listed above may increase the annual maintenance fee. Maintenance includes updates to the software, access to technical support, nightly database backups and periodic web-based refresher training.			

Please sign and fax back to 509-834-4125 (or scan/email to line@myseniorcenter.com).

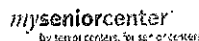
TOTAL**\$7,500.00**

Accepted By

Accepted Date

All prices are in USD unless otherwise stated.

MySeniorCenter Purchase Agreement - Newtown 12072017.docx Open with Google Docs



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Quote #: s-050917-4605
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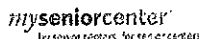
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COA President's Report – December 18, 2017

Since our last meeting we had a fabulous turnout for the program Tony Hwang came to share and discuss regarding the legislation, budget/policy impact on taxes, Medicare health insurance, aging and home care. Lots of information was shared and lots of questions were asked. Tony and the team he brought did an outstanding job. Everyone there, felt that they had truly been heard and my hope is that everyone who needed help, will get the help they are looking for. Both Tony Hwang and Mitch Bolinsky can be called any time. They are always willing to listen and take the time to call you back. I have successfully reached out to both of them many times and had them help many seniors.

Al Miles will be joining us on Monday to discuss the installation of the software and key system. He will be here to answer any questions and concerns any of the Commission members may have. We appreciate him taking the time to attend our meeting. I would like Al to speak after we do the pledge and roll call.

I understand the Christmas/Holiday party was very successful. I have heard from a number of people who attended and said it was one of the best ones yet. Thank you Marilyn and Judy for organizing such a great event. A few of us attended the Holiday Bazaar which was very well attended. I can't get over how much work goes in to not only organizing an event like this but how much work Marilyn and many seniors do with crafts. Having zero craft ability, I am always impressed. Whenever anyone asks me if I made something – my reply is always this "No, my talent lies in purchasing!"

December is for being with family and enjoying the holidays. Come January we can begin working on sub committees. As a COA we should be very proud that we visited many 55 and over communities to let people know who we are and why we are. I hope it prompts more people to attend the Senior Center and to attend our meetings. It would be wonderful to tap into these other folks to perhaps serve as an advisory to our current commissioners.

Please feel free to contact myself or George any time. We are happy to hear not only good things but also concerns. We get calls all the time. Please be aware that we take everything very seriously and want to make sure the Senior Center remains an open, friendly, non-adversarial place to come. That begins with respect, which we hope is passed on to both Marilyn and Judy and each Commission member. Just as all of us have "stuff" please keep in mind that they work hard and also have lives outside of our Center. We need to work on better and more honest and open communication. 2018 will have us compile some goals to work towards building this center up so that we are bursting at the seams and ready to move into the new facility with lots of new things in place.

Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays! Wishing everyone an amazing 2018!

Anna Wiedeman, Chair COA

NEWTOWN SENIOR CENTER
 Director of Senior Services
 NOV 17, 2017 – DEC 15, 2017

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PROGRAMS NUMBER OF ATTENDANTS (NOV)

Meditation	38
Exercise Tape	84
Flex and Fit temp class	15
Floor Yoga (2 days)	70
Chair Yoga (2 day)	61
Cards	82
Mah Jong	4
Bingo/Keno	8
Lunch	129
Hot Dog/pizza Luncheon	12
Knitting	16
Iris Fold cards	4
Quilting/sewing	12
Walk-Ins	20
Billiards/ping pong	0
Crafts	51
Trips	65
Newsletter	10
Wii	4
Painting/Art	17
Special events/entertainment	159
Tai Chi	38
Qi Gong	39
AARP Safe Driving	22
Ballroom dance	36
Barn Dance	48
Current Events Discussion	36
Spanish Lessons	54
Speakers	104
Chair Pilates	43
Strength & Balance	33
Inter-generational w/ CAC	60
Password	8
Blood Pressure	23
AARP Taxes	
Game night	13

Attendance Daily:

Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs	Friday	Monthly Attendance
237	323	172	363	142	1237

COMPLETED EVENTS:

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| • NSC Annual Bazaar | Nov 18 |
| • Trim the Tree w/ photo booth | Dec 1 |
| • Annual Cookie Swap | Dec 6 |
| • Annual Holiday Party @ Michael's @ the Grove | Dec 7 |

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| • Holiday Bingo Party | Dec 20 |
| • Wheel of Fortune | Jan 12 |
| • Silk Scarf painting | Jan 17 |
| • Recycle bingo | Jan 19 |

TRIPS:

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| • Polynesian Christmas w/ Bright Lights | Dec 19 |
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CRUISES:

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| • Western Caribbean w/ Norwegian Breakaway | January 19 - Feb 2, 2018 |
| • Bermuda w/ Norwegian Escape | April 29 - May 6, 2018 |
| • Ireland, Iceland and Scotland w/ Celebrity Eclipse | May 10 - 20, 2018 |

SPEAKERS:**Lunch and Learns:**

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| 1. Five Wishes Presentation and hand out | Feb 7 |
| 2. Starting the Conversation | Feb 16 |

Cultural/History Speaker:

Wednesday Jan 24 @ 1	Golden Age of Radio, The Adventures of Philip Marlowe
Wednesday Feb 7 @ 1	Tuskegee Airmen
Friday March 16 @ Noon	St. Patrick's Cathedral

"Highlights of a Senior " continues into Jan/Feb highlighting the Sewing/Quilting group. Although it's a small group of 5, this group continues to give back to the community. This year 48 lap quilts were made for the Praxair Center, 15 lap quilts for Masonicare, 42 oversized lap quilts were made for the infusion center at Children's Hospital, 24 large bibs for Masonicare. In the past we have done the Quilts of Valor. A very rewarding project.

86 seniors attended the Annual Holiday Party Dec 7th at Michael's at The Grove, Music by SH Entertainment 11am-3pm. Many new faces. All had a great time.
Three buses were scheduled and used from HART for the seniors' transportation plus the van.

During Thanksgiving Holiday I was able to give out 7 \$50 Big Y gift certificates to those in need. This was a generous donation from a SC member who wants to remain anonymous.

The 10 seniors sponsored by the gift fund to attend the Holiday Party had a lovely time and were most thankful to be part of the holiday event.

Through CCC Gov't initiatives networking I was able to get information and to share with Social Services a food outreach program. It is truly a gem! www.HILLSIDEFOODOUTREACH.ORG
This is a program to share and to be aware of.

Gift Fund request:

**Attached is the quote and purchase agreement for My Senior Center.
I have reviewed all documents w/ IT and the First selectman. Both support the program. As you know this program is essential for keeping stats, programs etc. most SC have it. We have talked about this program for years. Through my CASC membership I get a \$3,370.00 discount.
The NSC can use the Premium Voice software feature in perpetuity if the software is purchased before a certain date.
The total cost is \$7,500.00. Monies from Gift Fund will be used. Annual fee starting in the 2nd year will be added in 2019-2020 budget.**

*******Important changes coming to Medicare Issues due to the State Cuts**

FYI.....Please circle your calendar

Just got off the phone with Senator Tony Hwang (vice chair on aging)

As we all know there is cuts in the State budget that will impact our seniors.

Tony said 107,000 seniors alone in this area will be impacted and 82,000 seniors possibly without insurance by mid - January.

I have scheduled Friday Dec 8 a Lunch and Learn (Noon) w/ Senator Tony Hwang. He is putting together a team panel of professional to get the info out there.

Included an Elder Law Lawyer, a Rep from DSS, WCAAA, Medicare, etc. also a flyer is being put together and I will get it out as soon as I receive it from his office.

Please note:

The event was well attended, standing room only. This is a very stressful time for many seniors. We are waiting to see if a petition goes out, in the meantime I have been taking many phone calls to assist the needs and questions and referring to AAA. I too am a CHOICES counselor and will be taking the refresher course to assist the overflow if need be. Just like the days of ConnPace. Good article in The Bee.

Preparing for Feb/April AARP income tax prepalways need volunteers to be trained. If interested or if you know of someone, I can give you the contact person.

UPDATE:

Still looking for more volunteers to be trained through the IRS income tax assistance program. Also, the Southbury SC will no longer be doing this free service which will impact our appointments on our scheduled day, Mondays Feb-April.

Also, scheduling new programs/speakers/seminars/inter-generational programs/trips/luncheons for 2018.

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES/MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY

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Program Statistics

Energy Assistance Applications – 2017-2018 (150 applications – Senior/Disabled = 68%)
Food Pantry (45 individuals/families visit weekly – 30 Senior/Disabled = 66%)
Operation Fuel (Winter program) – Applications began December 1st, none to date
Salvation Army – (4 applications to date - \$1,718.85 total – 4 Senior/Disabled = 100%)
Goodwill gift cards – 4 distributed

The pantry has received many food and monetary donations over the last month. Thanksgiving Baskets were distributed to 73 families. Holiday Baskets will be distributed this Saturday, December 16th. Bell ringing for Salvation Army has begun and will continue through the weekend of the 15th. Social Services receives 90% of the money raised during bell ringing which is the major source of assistance for clients throughout the year.

Due to the delay in the acceptance of the State budget, some programs have been modified and/or cut. The Renter's Rebate Program originally administered by OPM will now be in the hands of municipalities. After some debate over where the funding for the 2016 program comes from it was decided that OPM was ultimately responsible for distributing checks. Mailing of the checks began on Friday, December 1st (this typically occurs the end of October).

The energy assistance program has had major problems with processing applications. We are not sure of the real reason for the delay – staffing problems, budget cuts, etc. The bottom line is out of 150 Newtown applications, only 68 have been approved as of 12/13/17. Deliveries normally begin on November 15th so clients are running out of fuel. I have had to reach out to Salvation Army and use funds in my Gift Fund to order deliveries for vulnerable households (18 deliveries amounting to over \$5,000).

Another result of budget cuts includes changes to the Medicare Savings Program. It appears that 90% of participants (seniors) in the program statewide could lose this benefit. This results in a decrease in their Social Security benefit and possibly a loss in supplemental Medicare coverage. DSS will be working on alternatives for clients over the next couple of months. This is causing much concern and stress among our senior population.

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COA/SENIOR SERVICES GIFT FUND

DATE	RECEIPTS/DISBURSEMENTS	C/D	C/R	FRANK KNOTTS TRUST FUND	NEW SENIOR CENTER	GRANT	BALANCE
7/1/17	Beginning Balance						50,413.09
7/19/2017	Trust Distribution T-5327			562.15			50,975.24
8/17/2017	Ck #28743- Newtown Labor Day Parade	(100.00)					50,875.24
9/14/2017	Ck #29076 -File of Life Foundation	(402.00)					50,473.24
9/14/2017	Donation- Bazaar T-15963		89.74				50,562.98
9/20/2016	Aug P-Card- Holiday Inn	(429.00)					50,133.98
9/26/2017	Aug P-Card- Minuteman Press	(219.00)					49,914.98
10/12/2017	Sign Language LLC- Signs for Labor Day	(254.50)					49,660.48
10/18/2017	Trust Distribution T-22061			562.15			50,222.63
10/24/2017	Sept P-Card- BJs	(285.46)					49,937.17
11/9/2017	Ck #29836- Michael's At The Grove	(200.00)					49,737.17
11/30/2017	Holiday Bazaar T-28787		2,126.75				
12/7/2017	Ck #30151 John E. Hemberger	(200.00)					
12/7/2017	Ck#30185- Michael's at the Grove	(595.00)					
		(2,684.96)	2,216.49	1,124.30			51,068.92

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Newtown Commission on Aging

Proposed Slate of Office Nominees for 2018

Anna Wiedemann..... Chairman

George Guidera.....Vice Chairman

Anne Rothstein.....Treasurer

Mae Schmidle.....Parliamentarian