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FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER

The mission of the Franklin Commission on Aging is to provide information and services to the aging population, their families, and their care providers.

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE FRANKLIN COMMISSION ON AGING HELD
AT THE FRANKLIN SENIOR CENTER AT 12:30
PM ON TUESDAY, THE 13TH OF NOVEMBER, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Thomas Shakun called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.
PRESENT: Margaret Ayer, Susan Dagenais, Alison Dvorak, John Garosshen, Edna Handfield, Judy Marrotte, and Laura Wheeler. ABSENT: Donald Eccleston and Judi Novosad.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mr. Shakun added Discussion of Plans with First Selectman to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mrs. Handfield made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9th meeting as presented. Mr. Garosshen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

A) MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR THE ELDERLY: Mrs. Wheeler reported that she had fielded 28 telephone calls on energy assistance and medical services.

B) SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Mrs. Wheeler reported that the monthly events of Bingo, Birthday Luncheon, Coffee and Conversation, and Games had been held. Additionally, a flu vaccination clinic was held, and a presentation on residential fire safety equipment was presented by Fire Marshal William Eyberse. Mrs. Wheeler also reported that six luncheon trips were taken: to the Thames Valley Council for Community Action Commissary in Bozrah with lunch at Emely's Restaurant in Franklin, to the Marlborough Antique Shop with lunch at Sadler's Ordinary, to the Bozrah Pizza Restaurant, to the American Grill in Canterbury, back to Emely's Restaurant in Franklin, and to the Windham Regional Technical School's culinary arts cafe. In all, twenty people attended the vaccination clinic, fifty people attended the other programs at the senior center, and eighty-four people attended the trips. She also reported that on December 4th, a free Painting Party will be led by Donald Eccleston and his daughter at 10:15 a.m. at the center, with a maximum of twenty participants. and on December 8th, the annual Lions Club holiday dinner will also be held at the center.

C) MEAL SITE MANAGER: Mrs. Dagenais reported that 51 meals were served during the month of October.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) DISCUSSION OF TELEPHONE INSTALLATION: No discussion, however, it was noted that the Board of Selectmen had decided to hire a commercial cleaning company for all municipal buildings, with the positives being better equipment and supplies and more labor, but the negative for the senior center being that Mrs. Dagenais will lose the additional income she receives for cleaning the center. The Commission thanked Mrs. Dagenais for her work in this area over the years.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING EVENTS: On December 1st, the annual Town Treelighting and Potluck Dinner Dance will be held. On December 16th, the Volunteer Fire Department will host Breakfast with Santa. Discussion was also held on possibly taking a trip to the elementary school to see the dress rehearsal of the annual Christmas Play.

B) DISCUSSION OF PLANS WITH FIRST SELECTMAN: Mr. Shakun reported that he planned to discuss some plans for the senior program with the First Selectman on November 14th, and asked for input on the program's effectiveness, ways to improve, any shortcomings, any positives, and the goals. The feedback from the Commission was that attendance has increased, there is always room for improvement and a focus should be placed on continuing to make potential members feel welcome and aware of ongoing programs. Feedback was also given on perceived shortcomings, which included the limited age group that is currently regularly attending, the limited hours of the center, the limited transportation, and the shortage of activities that fit all budgets. The feedback on positives was that the members who do regularly attend always enjoy themselves and find the atmosphere welcoming, and that the Commission was very involved. Feedback on the goals was to keep raising awareness through electronic media and direct mail and to find other opportunities to use the facility outside of the normal hours of operation.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

MINUTES TAKEN BY ALISON DVORAK.

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY TRACI HASTINGS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
TRACI L. HASTINGS, CLERK
COMMISSION ON AGING