

TOWN OF GRANBY
Commission on Aging
MINUTES
February 13, 2023

Members present: Chairman Jean Donihee-Peron, Jennifer Jalbert, Ellen Thomson, Kim Becker, Skip Mission, Mae Collins, Kim Becker, Judy Jones, Nancy Sheetz

Staff: Sandra Yost; Director of Human Services

Call to order: A quorum was present, and Chairman Donihee-Peron called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

On a MOTION by S. Mission, seconded by J. Jalbert, the Commission voted unanimously (6-2-0) to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022, with the amendment of changing woof flowers to wood flowers.

Chairmans Report:

- J. Donihee-Peron handed out a list of the upcoming 2023 meeting dates.

Directors Report:

- Pomeroy Brace Grant expenditure: All funds expended. DME closet never stopped operations while the renovation was being done. Windows have arrived, waiting for warmer weather to install.
- Kitchen update: Working with the Small Cities Grant. Reallocating funds. Will be working with a consultant to assist in planning and design.
- Department of Aging and Disability Services of CT has received ARPA funds and is distributing monies for Senior Centers. The allocation for Granby from the ARPA funds they received is \$30,970. Guidelines require the funds to go towards facility improvements, programming, software updates or web design or increase in staff hours.

Activities:

- Spring Program Guide was mailed out with February edition of the Drummer.
- CT Age Well Collaborative: They are looking for input from Seniors about how you live and where you live. They will pay for your time.
- St. Patrick's Day celebrations will be March 15 with light refreshments.
- Tulip Time Dinner will be held in April.

New Business:

The Commission discussed having a mission statement along with a charge. Discussed presenting that status and updates of the Commission to Board of Selectman.

On a MOTION by J. Jalbert, seconded by S. Mission, the Commission voted unanimously (8-0-0) to support the revision of the Senior Center Mission Statement to read as; The mission of the Granby Senior Center is to empower older adults to live full, independent lives.

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Commission discussed revision of bylaws. Currently terms are two years. It was discussed to change terms to three or four years. Further details that would need to be discussed, such as how do you terminate a term of a member? Topic was to be tabled until the next meeting.

New idea to promote Senior Center was presented by K. Becker. A PSA on what it is to be a senior. Will discuss with the media department at Granby Memorial High School.

Adjournment:

On a MOTION by J Jalbert, seconded by E. Thomson, the commission voted unanimously (8-0-0) to adjourn at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Berrelli

Recording Secretary