

TOWN OF GRANBY
Commission on Aging
MINUTES
September 11, 2023

Members present: Jean Donihee-Peron, Jennifer Jalbert, Ellen Thomson, Mae Collins, Kathy Garlasco

Staff: Sandra Yost; Director of Human services, Jennifer Kielbasa; Program Coordinator

Guest: Nancy Sheetz from the VNA

Call to order: A quorum was not present.

Minutes: Approval delayed- no quorum.

Chairmans Report:

- Membership of Commission members needs to be updated on the town website.
- There will be three Commission openings in January 2024.
- Suggestions for new members welcome.
- There is a concern for housing for seniors. There needs to be an increase in the number of units.
- Commission is to develop a proposal to submit to the Board of Selectman for increasing housing for seniors.
- Promotion video is on hold.

Directors Report:

- Kitchen remodel update: Still waiting to hear from State on Reallocation of funds from Small Cities Grant. In the meantime, the Center applied for the STEAP grant. Will go with funding that comes through first.
- Kitchen remodel update: Several meetings in the next couple of weeks to receive more details on status and scope of project.

Activities:

- Commission from the Canadian Rockies Collette trip was \$14,000.
- Aging Mastery Program is starting in September-the Center can offer for free because of Collette commissions.
- Holcomb Farms Fresh Access has great response. People like the selections and being notified of what vegetables are offered that day.
- Senior Fall Social will be held at Holcomb Farm on October 6. This event is free to local seniors.
- Upcoming Collette trips: Italian Vista, Japan, Spain/Portugal, Christmas Markets and Alaska.
- Movable Senior Center: Purposeful programming for LGBTQ+. Zoom event on October 6 from Stonewall Speakers.

New Business:

- Friendly caller system with Police Department-will be investigated by J. Donihee-Peron once the new Police Chief starts.
- Nancy Sheetz will be leaving the VNA. Mike Cassellas is new Executive Direction of VNA Foothills Litchfield. Jean Pickens is the Community Contact. Will continue public health initiatives. Winsted is the new home office where the phone will ring.

Old Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Adjourn at 10:30 am.

Vanessa Berrelli
Recording Secretary