

Draft Unapproved: May 24, 2011

To: All Commission on Aging Members

Re: May 24, 2011 Meeting

Members Present: Frank Contento, Alan Fontana, Claudia Giulietti, Donna Levine, Katherine Lofquist, Anthony Pacileo, Rodger Salman and Joseph Villano.

Members Absent: Reverend Dr. James P. Morgan

Guests: None

Staff Present: Judith Amarone, Director; North Haven Senior Center.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 on a motion by Rodger Salman and a second by Anthony Pacileo. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved on a motion by Frank Contento with a second by Alan Fontana..

#### Directors Report:

The Code of Conduct was reviewed and discussed. The Code of Conduct was approved by the members on a motion by Anthony Pacileo and a second by Alan Fontana. The members approved the code as written. Members of the senior center will receive a copy of the code in the newsletter and new members will sign the code form when they apply for membership in the senior center.

Judith has started a North Haven Aging Resource Council. Members of the council are:

- 1- Susan Field – Stevens Woods, Resident Services Coordinator
- 2- Carol Grasso – Stevens Woods Administrator
- 3- Amber Hutton – Woods Edge/Oakwood Resident Services Coordinator
- 4- Maggie Goodwin, Town of North Haven, Counselor
- 5- Anne McKeon, North Haven Housing Authority Manager
- 6- Marjorie Bergin – North Haven Housing Authority – Resident Services Coordinator
- 7- JoAnn Begley - VNA Community Healthcare

This year the Town of North Haven had the opportunity to participate in the Farmers Market Nutrition Program. This program is funded through State and Federal dollars that provide low-income seniors with coupons for \$15.00 that can be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers markets, roadside stands, and community supported agriculture programs. Judith will determine if a senior is eligible for the program. Annual income for one person is \$1679.00 per month or \$20,147.00 per year and for two people it is \$2,268.00 per month or \$27,214.00 per year.

Health for seniors: Eye Care America is designed for people 65 or older and who have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years. These seniors may be eligible to receive a comprehensive medical eye exam and up to one year of care at no out-of-pocket cost for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam.

Seniors can see if they are eligible by visiting the online referral center [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org) or by visiting Judith at the senior center.

Judith Amarone has hired a bus driver to drive seniors on medical appointments on Monday and Friday's. The money for this has been approved in the Town Budget.

#### Old Business:

The Commission has sent a letter to First Selectman, Michael Freda, supporting the request for a grant to make the Town Hall ADA Compliant.

New Business:

The Madison Real Estate Tax Abatement for Senior's was discussed and Rodger Salman will seek out clarification of this program with The Town of North Haven Finance Director and The State Representative.

The Bocce program was discussed because members were not aware of the game days. We decided that Alan Fontana would contact those interested in playing bocce and that Judith Amarone would announce the bocce program on the web site. In addition, the senior center secretary will keep a list for members to advise of the game dates and who has signed up to play.

Housing:

None available at this time.

Public Comment:

None

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M. on a motion by Katherine Lofquist and a second by Joseph Villano. The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 6 P.M. at 189 Pool Road. If you are unable to attend the next meeting please contact the senior center, 203-239-5432