

## COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES, APPROVED, JANUARY 29, 2014 MEETING

Draft Unapproved: November 19, 2013, approved January 29, 2014

To: All Commission on Aging Members

Re: November 19, 2013 Meeting

Members Present: Frank Contento Sr., Claudia Giulietti, Katherine Lofquist, and Joseph P. Villano, Donna Levine

Members Absent: Alan Fontana, Rev. Dr. James P. Morgan, Rodger A. Salman, Anthony Pacileo

Guests: First Selectman, Michael Freda

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

- Ellen McDonald, Recording secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 on a motion by Claudia Giulietti and a second by Joseph Villano. The minutes of our last meeting on September 17, 2013 were approved on a motion by Claudia Giulietti with a second by Donna Levine.

Directors Report:

Commission on Aging Report November 2013

Programs

November 4 through November 8 – *Open House*

November 10 - Rotary Pancake Breakfast

November 19 – Story Teller: Kate Allen Smith

November 22 and Saturday, November 23 -

*Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair*

November 25 – Christmas Decorating at the Center

November 26 – Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the Center and Turkeys cooked by the Masons.

December 3- Senior to Senior Breakfast

December 6- Holiday Party at Zandri's

December 9 and 13- Ronald McDonald's Trees of Hope and Luncheon Trip

Fundraiser

Ronald McDonald house Trees of Hope. This year the Centers' theme tree is titled "Home For Christmas" paper houses are being sold for \$1 and the money realized will support the decorations for the tree.

#### Buses

Greater New Haven will cease the lease program this year. With this the Town will have opportunity to buy the bus at a reduce cost. Purchase prices have not been determined as of yet and the Town of North Haven will be notified at the end of the month. In planning for the future I have been working with Dattco Bus Company and Metro Taxi to expand the Town's options for the future. A meeting is scheduled with both companies and I have invited the Town's lead mechanic with me to ensure the future bus/van can meet the demands that are currently put on the busses. Additionally I have contacted the State of CT Department of Transportation in search for a grant. Currently the state is revising their applications and not available but the Town has been added to their interest list and will receive notice once the revision is complete.

#### Housing

To date all subsidized housing complexes list are closed.

#### New Business

- Senior Computer lab in fully equipped with four computers and has WiFi making the lab more user friendly for members. In the past members had to wait their turn because there were only two computers. Wireless is great for seniors who seek assistance with their lap tops and now are able to unlike in the past.
- Vendors invited and charged to sell items at our Annual Holiday Bazaar in an effort to keep up with fair trends, upgrade overall quality of the event. Vendors are charged \$25 per table.
- First Selectman Mike Freda offered information about efforts and potential for senior housing. Mr. Freda was invited to today's meeting to discuss this topic. A potential site is a parcel of 30 acres across from NH High School, near Quail Rd and Elm Streets. May have a developer who is interested but before requesting state subsidies, Mr. Freda explained that developers must endure competitive rounds of financing. If this is successful, up to 150 units are possible.

Mr. Freda states while there are 400 North Haven residents interested in senior housing, housing subsidized by CHAFFA & HUD is available to those who qualify from any town, and housing won't be restricted to North Haven residents.

Mr. Freda is also interested in a parcel adjacent to Temple Pines and if the town does own it, the town can consider donating the land to a developer. Full taxes would be received on subsidized properties it would be in the towns interest to donate the land.

Land owned by St Barnabas Church would be of interest, suggesting it would benefit the church to have housing adjacent. Frank C. and Kay L., as members of St. Barnabas were requested to find out who would be the go-to guy on this subject of building on their parcel.

Clintonville Manor property is a dead issue as the sellers, a group of 12 family members, will not agree to sell.

Frank C. inquired about property owned by Pratt & Whitney, but Mr. Freda advised housing cannot be developed in commercially zoned property.

Issue came up of whether freezing taxes or deferring taxes would be preferable.

Director Judith Amarone invited committee members to survey other Towns and gather information about state programs they use and programs unique to their towns. Committee members offered to contact area towns as listed below.

- Kay Lofquist: North Branford, West Haven
- Claudia Giuletti: Hamden, Wallingford, East Haven
- Donna Levine: Woodbridge, New Haven

Public Comment: None

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Claudia Giuletti. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Joyce C. Budrow Senior Center at 189 Pool Road. If you are unable to attend the next meeting, please contact the Senior Center at 203-239-5432.