

COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES, UNAPPROVED JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING

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To: All Commission on Aging Members

Re: January 21, 2020 Meeting

Members Present: Claudia Giulietti, Sandra Mastroianni, Ronnie Bicknell, Donna Levine, Joseph P. Villano, Frances Bartlett and Alan Fontana

Members Absent: Amee J. Lunn and Kimberly Yates Carew

Guests: Michael J. Freda, First Selectman

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

- Laurie Feldman, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. on Tuesday January 21, 2020 on a motion by Claudia Giulietti and Fran Bartlett

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda attended this meeting to oversee nominations and elections of Commission members as follows:

Claudia Giulietti was nominated as Chairperson by Joseph Villano, and seconded by Frances Bartlett. Joseph P. Villano was nominated as Vice-Chairperson by Claudia Giulietti and seconded by Sandra Mastroianni.

Frances Bartlett was nominated as Secretary by Donna Levine and seconded by Ronnie Bicknell.

The minutes of our last meeting on Tuesday November 19, 2019, were approved by Sandra Mastroianni and a second by Frances Bartlett

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December 2019

- December 3- Senior to Senior Breakfast was held. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for seniors of North Haven High School and seniors in the community to interact for a morning at the high school. Kudos to the culinary department and students who prepared breakfast serving all in attendance.

- December 6- Annual Holiday Senior Center Party at Zandri's. This year the attendance surpassed all other years where one ninety four tickets were sold. It was another great event and sadly Zandri's will be closing in June 2020. With that learned news the next Holiday Party will be held at Season's and all secured for December 4, 2020.

- December 12- Make and Take Project; members of the center decorated small Christmas trees to take home. The trees were a perfect size for those that have downsized living in senior housing not having the space to store or put-up a large tree.
- December 12- Members and staff joined together at The Landing in celebration of their official ribbon cutting. It was a magnificent evening with music, food, and tours of the new facility.
- December 13- Trumpet music was played during lunch performed by Frank Tamburro. This entertainment was at no cost to the Center due to a grant from the National Council on Aging.
- December 16-Creative Beginnings Preschool entertained the seniors at the Center singing holiday carols. Along with the singing the children decorated cookies with the seniors as well as making holiday cards. It was a wonderful way to keep the holiday spirit a bringing youth and elders together.
- December 17- Senior Songsters performance at The Landing was canceled due to inclement weather. Seniors will perform at a later date.
- December 18- Trip to Knights of Columbus in New Haven postponed due to inclement weather. The new date is January 22, 2020.
- December 20- Monthly birthday celebration with First Selectman and staff from The Landing. Many thanks to The Landing for their monthly donation of a birthday cake to the North Haven seniors.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judy Amarone
 Manager

Old Business:

The North Haven Senior Center is still actively seeking a part time driver to help with afternoon appointments. However, the applicants thus far have failed to meet the criteria needed to fill the position. Judith Amarone did address that while the Center is looking to fill this position, there are many other resources available to area seniors to assist with their transportation needs.

New Business:

Mr. Freda gave the Commission an overview of some projects in Town.

A conversation with Judith Amarone and the Resident Services Coordinator from Oak View and Wood's Edge Senior Housing it was learned that the senior facilities do not have the funding to support the desire of having a computer for the seniors to use in the common area. Judith reached out to Chairperson Claudia Giulietti who is a member of the North Haven Rotary asking her if this is a project that the Rotary may want to support. Claudia brought the need to the attention of the Rotary Club to help achieve this goal and the club in support of purchasing two computers for the seniors.

The installation of new roofing at Parkside Manor has been completed.

Housing:

The merger of the North Haven and Wallingford Housing Authority is complete and has been performing efficiently, however Senior Housing continues to have long waiting lists and a shortage for Seniors in Town and surrounding areas.

Public Comment: None

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. on a motion by Frances Bartlett and a second by Alan Fontana. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Joyce C. Budrow Senior Center, 189 Pool Road, North Haven. If you are unable to attend the next meeting, please contact the Senior Center at 203-239-5432.