

## Commission on Aging Minutes, Approved November 15, 2022

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To: All Commission on Aging Members

Re: November 15, 2022

Members Present: Claudia Giuliatti, Fran Bartlett, Donna Levine, Deacon Ron Bicknell, Ameer Lunn, Kimberly Yates Carew and Delilah Dominguez

Members Absent: Joseph P. Villano

Guests: None

Staff Present: Judith Amarone, Municipal Agent for the Elderly

- Laurie Feldman, Secretary

The meeting was called to order 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 on a motion by Fran Bartlett and a second by Kimberly Yates Carew

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, were approved on a motion by Fran Bartlett and a second by Kimberly Yates Carew.

Commission on Aging Update

November 15, 2022

September 22: "Coming Out of Covid & Frolicking into Fall". Presented by Home Care Plus Community Healthcare & Hospice

October 4: Design a Fall Wreath with North Haven Garden Club – A beautiful scarecrow wreath was instructed how to make by the North Haven Garden Club

October 11: Polka! Polka! with The Polka Family Band at Aqua Turf

October 12: Oktoberfest at Krucker's Resort, Pomona NY

October 13: Medicare Changes with Nick Casella of Health Insurance Associates, LLC. – Nick came and spoke about the upcoming changes in the Medicare enrollment

October 14: QU CAP Tech Class – QU CAP students came to help seniors with questions about their phones and iPads

October 18: "Early Detection of Disease" with Dr. Nupar Garg – Dr. Garg presented about how important it is to find illnesses early.

October 21: “Virtual Visit to Vermont”. Presented by Hamden Healthcare & Rehabilitation – An informative presentation about fall in Vermont with wonderful apple cider donuts and warm apple cider was available for this great fall event.

October 25: Mystery Murder - Presented by Hamden Healthcare & Rehabilitation. They had a great time. 21 people, divided into teams and played a version of “Clue”.

October 28: Dental Hygiene Clinic. Presented by University of New Haven Dental Students – an informative dental presentation on dental care with dental care packages available for all in attendance

October 28: Friday Matinee – Featuring: “Going in Style”

October 31: Happy Halloween. Treat bags were handed out to everyone at the center. A special “GHOST” bingo was played.

November 4: Mason Jar Luminaries - presented by Hamden Healthcare & Rehabilitation

November 8: Painting Holiday Pot Holders with Pat Cavanaugh

November 15: Bob Hope USO Tribute Show at Aqua Turf

TOTAL FOR DAILY CLASSES & ACTIVITIES FOR  
OCTOBER:

AS TALLIED ON MONTHLY  
CALENDAR

NEW MEMBERS

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE:**

562
10
<b>746</b>

Upcoming:

November 18: Trim the Christmas Tree and Paint a Winter theme clay pot Gathering

November 21: Thanksgiving Luncheon sold out(free)75 seniors

November 22: Marisa from Shop Rite – Holiday Cooking Demo

November 28 -December 9: Mini Holiday Fair

Holiday Fair Signs were made possible through the generosity of Joe Villano.

Carmen Romano is on a wait list 1-bedroom units are averaging 8 months to a year and 2 bedrooms are around 3+ years as we are primarily 1-bedroom units. Currently 37 on the waitlist.

North Haven Housing Authority 3 months- 2 years, currently there are 54 people on the wait list.

Oakview and Woods Edge currently the wait list 2.5-3 years for both properties and there are 121 people on the waitlist.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Amarone

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Town of North Haven

Old Business: The Town of North Haven has applied for a Grant to allow for the purchase of a new bus, however the Grant had not been fulfilled at present time. Due to nationwide supply issues, and with a shortage of parts to allow for manufacturing the buses themselves, the Town now finds itself with a delay in purchase. Alternative transportation is actively being sought out. The goal is to have solid transportation within a year or so, as well as re-post the position for a Part-Time Driver to accommodate the needs of the Senior Center.

New Business: The Senior Center is looking to collaborate with the Parks and Recreation Department to come up with new and exciting ways to serve, not only Senior Members, but other adults in the community as well. A preliminary meeting was held, led by Program Coordinators of both departments, to select trips of interest for North Haven Seniors/Adults beginning in Spring of 2023. The idea was brought forth to combine both departments, working in partnership on future projects that would strengthen Community ties, and provide the opportunity for active living and recreation in a safe and inclusive environment, for Adults and Seniors alike.

The upcoming "Mini Holiday Fair" is scheduled for November 28-December 9, 2022. The Holiday Fair Committee has seen an increase in size from its inception, and volunteers have

been generous of their time and talent to make it a success. To date, the Senior Center has received numerous donations from various members of the community, and we are looking forward to a successful outcome.

Lastly, with the resignation of Sandra Mastroianni last year, the Commission is actively seeking to fill the vacancy.

#### Housing:

Improvements are still ongoing at Temple Pines with the replacement of sidewalks and improvements on the parking lot. Wallingford Housing Authority continues to oversee housing in North Haven.

With many rents at an all-time high, due to the current inflation, the need becomes greater for Seniors to find efficient and affordable housing. Temple Pines and Parkside Manor have currently suspended accepting applications. The remaining Senior Housing properties continue to have wait lists of upwards to 3 years. Wait lists are being revisited regularly to expedite the process fairly and proficiently thus effectively meeting the high demand for Senior Housing.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on a motion by Claudia Giulietti and a second by Fran Bartlett.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 4 p.m. at the 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.