

Branford Commission of Services for the Elderly

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Meeting Minutes May 10, 2018

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Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm at the Branford Fire Department by Chair Laurie Rockwell. Present: Dana Murphy, Jean Richo, Mary Hahn, Laurie Rockwell, Patricia Brownell, Luba Mebert Schmid and Susan Cosgrove Barnes. Director Dagmar Ridgway was also in attendance.

- I. Approval of the Minutes - Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting by Susan Barnes, seconded by Pat Brownell. Vote to approve: Unanimous.
- II. Director's Report was presented by Director Ridgway. The information was sent to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. It included the Financial Report and Statistics. May is Older Americans Month and the Luncheon, which honored our Volunteer Instructors, was well attended. The update on the POCD is that no final draft has been issued yet and the next meeting is on 6/13/18. There were no cuts to our 2019 Budget and the Aging Mastery Program is sold out. The Health Department has recertified the facility and staff for food service.
- III. Social Services Report was presented by Director Ridgway. Highlights include: Energy Assistance Applications, the Rent Rebate Program (no cuts in the State budget and restored funding) and the Medicare Savings Program.
- IV. Programming/Activities Report was touched on by Director Ridgway. There is an increase in programs staying local to keep costs down.
- V. Comment Box – A newspaper clipping about the East Haven Senior Center Activities was in the Comment Box.
- VI. Citizen's Comments – Dorothy Ricker addressed the Board about enhanced hearing assistance in the new facility. A request for a presentation to the seniors by the Registrar of Voters was discussed. Cynthia Feldman and Polly Fitz presented concerns regarding present and future transportation issues, particularly with regard to those who are less mobile. Director Ridgway gave a brief update on the new facility, as the First Selectman was unable to attend the meeting.

A Motion to Adjourn at 5:59 was made by Luba Mebert Schmid, seconded by Susan Cosgrove Barnes and unanimously approved. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted by Doreen F. Denhardt, Commission Clerk.

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