

Branford Commission of Services for the Elderly

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Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021

Call to Order - The Zoom Meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Chair Laurie Rockwell. Also present: Pat Torre, Ellen Carucci, Alpha Coiro and Dana Murphy. Director Dagmar Ridgway and Activities Coordinator Nancy Cohen were in attendance.

- I. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting September 9, 2021 – On a motion by Ellen Carucci and Seconded by Alpha Coiro, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Approval of the Meeting Schedule for 2022 - All meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom and are scheduled for 5:00 pm on February 10, May 12, September 8 and November 17, 2022. On a motion by Pat Torre, seconded by Dana Murphy, the schedule was unanimously approved.
- III. Dagmar Ridgway presented the Director's Report. Dagmar addressed a variety of topics including a budget update, the status of the replacement bus (delivery has been delayed), Medical Transportation, staffing changes, building issues, recent legislation, Annual Reports and Booster Clinics. The center is always grateful for the generous donations received, especially \$2000 from the Homemaker's Thrift Shop. Starting on December 4, the Center is taking reservations for people to come in and shoot pool or play cards with friends.
- IV. Nancy Cohen discussed Programming Activities. Topics included the Craft Fair, Pickleball, Walking trips and Indoor Walking, VNA's Ask a Nurse program and the Senior Learning Network. Due to continuing pandemic concerns, the Branford Rotary is not hosting the annual Holiday Dinner but there will be Gift Bags.
- V. Social Services are being addressed by Marlowe. It has been challenging as Nicole has resigned. Dagmar is working with Human Resources to fill the vacancy. The Rental Rebate program is wrapping up. The Center is addressing Energy Assistance Applications, Medicare Open Enrollment questions, Social Security issues and a host of other programs available to Branford residents.
- VI. Citizen's Comments – None present.
- VII. On a motion from Ellen Carucci, Seconded by Pat Torre, by unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2022. It will be conducted via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted by Doreen F. Denhardt, Commission Clerk.