

Branford Commission of Services for the Elderly

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Meeting Minutes May 9, 2019

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm at the Branford Fire Department by Chair Laurie Rockwell. Present: Dana Murphy, Mary Hahn, Laurie Rockwell, Pat Brownell, Laura Myjak, Ellen Carucci and Luba Mebert Schmid. Director Dagmar Ridgway and Activities Coordinator Nancy Cohen were also in attendance.

- I. Approval of the Minutes - Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting by Dana Murphy, seconded by Ellen Carucci. Vote to approve: Unanimous.
- II. Director's Report was presented by Director Ridgway. May is Older Americans Month and the Center celebrated and honored five Remarkable Seniors at a luncheon at the Owenego. This year's Honorees are Alfred Mahan, Rich Peck, Martin Hallier, Maureen Wilkinson and Connie Nucolo. The Financial Report and statistical information was given to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Current year finances are on track and the Endowment Account continues to do well. The annual Budget has been presented and supported through each level of the budgetary process and is awaiting final approval. The Center is grateful for the continued support and donations from the Homemaker's Thriftshop. A Grant Application has been completed for continued participation in My Ride through the Greater New Haven Transit District. The Center is currently recruiting for a Transportation Coordinator and will soon be specking out for 2 new vehicles. A potential move in date for the new facility is late summer, and the endowment may be used to purchase furniture and items such as a new pool table or piano, etc. All purchases will be processed through normal town purchasing procedures and in accordance with the terms of the endowment.
- III. The Social Services report was presented by Director Ridgway. She touched on the Energy Assistance Program, Rental Rebate Program and the Medicare Savings Program.
- IV. Programming/Activities Report was presented by Nancy Cohen. Happenings include: A Jewelry Sale, Musical Jammers, Readers Theater Group, the Owenego, Happy Hour, Newcomers Breakfast and various guest speakers, including the Attorney General Tong.
- V. Comment Box – The comments in the box were read and discussed.
- VI. Citizen's Comments – None.

A Motion to Adjourn at 5:24 was made by Dana Murphy, seconded by Mary Hahn and unanimously approved. The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted by Doreen F. Denhardt, Commission Clerk.