

Branford Commission of Services for the Elderly

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Ellen Carucci

Meeting Minutes February 13, 2020

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm at the Canoe Brook Senior Center at 46 Church Street, Branford by Chair Laurie Rockwell. Present: Dana Murphy, Pat Torre, Pat Brownell, Jean Richo and Ellen Carucci. Director Dagmar Ridgway and Activities Coordinator Nancy Cohen were also in attendance.

- I. Approval of the Minutes - Motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting by Dana Murphy, seconded by Ellen Carucci. Vote to approve: Unanimous.
- II. Director's Report was presented by Director Ridgway. Welcome to the New Community House! Laura Myjak has resigned from the Commission, as she moved out of town. There will be an Open House in conjunction with the Branford Recreation Department on March 12th from 3-6 pm. Monies have been spent out of the endowment for some of the new furniture here. All those expenditures have not yet posted, as furniture and other items are still arriving. Medical Transportation is doing very well and we are so grateful for to our very generous donors. Participation in activities is up, as was expected. The budget process for next fiscal year has begun. The budget will be mainly flat aside from contractual and salary items. There is still a need for night security. We are looking to expand some evening offerings slowly. Also looking to expand the café offerings. It is time to start the process of some bus replacements. We are working with the Town's Building Official in addressing the coat rack issue.
- III. Programming/Activities Report was presented by Nancy Cohen. Happenings include: The Leap Year Capsule, Blood Pressure Clinic, Dinner Party, Aging Mastery Program and Better Balance Classes, along with a host of other exciting activities and events.
- IV. Social Services Report – was presented by Dagmar. Energy Assistance Applications are being processed.
- V. Comment Box – No Comment Box.
- VI. Citizen's Comments – None present.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Pat Torre, seconded by Ellen Carucci and unanimously approved. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020 at 46 Church Street.

Respectfully Submitted by Doreen F. Denhardt, Commission Clerk.