

Branford Commission of Services for the Elderly

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Ellen Carucci
Alpha Coiro

Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024

Call to Order - The Zoom Meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Chair Laurie Rockwell with an introduction by the Commissioners present. Present: Alpha Coiro, Ellen Carucci, Pat Torre and Pat Brownell by speaker phone. Director Dagmar Ridgway and Assistant Director Nancy Cohen were also in attendance.

- I. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2023 Meeting – On a motion by Ellen Carucci and Seconded by Pat Torre, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Dagmar Ridgway presented the Director’s Report. Congratulations to Nancy, as she has been promoted to Assistant Director. Among the items Dagmar discussed: Job postings and openings, the 2024/25 Budget, Transportation (got the 3rd bus!), memorial donations, the Financial Report, Statistics, and new members/participants.
- III. Dagmar addressed Social Services, which included Applications processed for Assistance Programs to date and upcoming deadlines.
- IV. Nancy Cohen discussed Programming Activities. A very successful Craft Fair raised \$2039.50. Both Pickleball and Virtual Fitness are blowing up. Upcoming events include Alpha Coiro’s photography presentation (a Trip to Tunisia!), Wellness Clinics, Leap Year Time Capsule, Dementia Education seminars, and the Triad Program.
- V. Citizen’s Comments – None. However, Laurie Rockwell mentioned that she has been asked to bring up the parking of the town’s stage, as there have been some complaints regarding its location. The Commission is also looking for some new members and anyone interested in joining them should contact the First Selectman’s Office. The Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2023.
- VI. On a motion from Pat Torre, Seconded by Alpha Coiro, by unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Doreen F. Denhardt, Commission Clerk.