

Commission on Aging
Lebanon Senior Center
Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 1:30pm

Present: Liz Shilosky, Darlene Hathaway, Tim Rival, Joanne Philips, Jane Cady. Geri McCaw and
Donna Lennox

Also attending: Darcy Battye

Absent: Marion Russo

Call to Order: 1:34 pm, by Liz Shilosky

Approval of minutes: (January 19, 2024) Motion made by Geri McCaw, seconded by Joanne Philips, to accept minutes as read and accepted by all present.

Correspondence: Geri McCaw stated gift was given to Bonnie LeBlanc in honor of her past position as Chair for the C.O.A.

Financial Report: 45% of Center's budget remaining. 18% of Transportation budget remaining.

Director/Municipal Agent Report: Walt Riley is retiring(Feb 23rd) from his position at the main desk. Susan Talbot has been hired to fill his position. The Town has approved the refrigeration closet in the kitchen and will be purchasing the new convection oven. It was recently discovered that fireplace vent was never connected to vent through the roof, allowing fumes to accumulate in Director's office. This needs to be taken care of. The terms for COA board members Joanne Philips and Marion Russo had expired as of 1/24/24. These terms were renewed by Selectman at their regular meeting. The first Friday in March there will be a convention of various topics for seniors. Dementia training will be given at the center in the near future. We have a new Art teacher coming to the center as well. Darcy has been busy handling a self-audit on the transportation needs of the center.....our oldest remaining van is being retired.

Old business: We will continue our work supporting the availability of affordable housing for seniors and our senior outreach trying to make more seniors aware of what we have to offer at the center.

New Business: Liz thanked the committee for the opportunity to head our commission & champion some new tasks for our group. Some of those new tasks we wish to promote are: Housing (very popular concern right now in many Conn. towns; Economics, with prices rising all around us, some seniors may require extra help for some things; Employment; Transportation, some are not aware of our transportation possibilities for them; Health, making seniors aware of where to go for needed help with their well-being; Social Services, we have an active social service in our town that many are not aware of; Recreation, we hope to be offering games like horseshoes, croquet, corn hole, etc on our grounds in the warmer weather. We will be reviewing with the Director on a regular basis for information on other senior programs on the Federal, State, Local and Private levels. We will also be training in such fields as demementia and Alzheimers so we can provide further service to those in need.

Public forum: n/a

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn meeting at 2:42pm by Geri McCaw, seconded by Joanne Philips & agreed to by all present. Our next meeting will be March 12, 2024 at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Lennox