

**Minutes of the Ridgefield Commission on Aging ('CoA') Meeting DRAFT**

**May 15, 2023, 2:30 pm, Small Conference Room, Town Hall**

Mr. Ternullo called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm, took a roll call (all commissioners: Beebe, Noyes, Culhane, Ternullo, Saleeby, Martin, Bancel, & Connor were present), and offered to serve as acting secretary for this meeting.

As a 1st order of business, Mr. Ternullo invited comments from the public. Kavya Padila, an RHS senior, introduced herself and stated that she is serving as a CoA intern at the request of the First Selectman. All expressed their appreciation and best wishes to Ms. Padila.

As a 2nd order of business, Mr. Bancel called for approval of the minutes of the April 2023 CoA meeting subject to needed correction of minor typos. Mr. Noyes seconded. Mr. Ternullo called for discussion. There being no discussion, Mr. Ternullo called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

As a 3rd order of business, Mr. Ternullo reviewed CoA-related activities scheduled through September. General discussion followed.

As a 4<sup>th</sup> order of business, Mr. Noyes moved that the 5/15/23 draft Ridgefield Senior Directory be approved and posted on the Town website, subject to reasonable periodic edits as required to maintain currency, and that the CoA work with the Ridgefield Director of Social Services to explore the possibility of obtaining philanthropic funding for professional graphic design, printing, and possible mailing. Commissioner Martin seconded. A lengthy discussion followed regarding finetuning refinements. At the conclusion, Mr. Ternullo called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

As a 5<sup>th</sup> order of business, Ms. Beebe moved that the draft placard she circulated be approved and posted on the Town website, subject to reasonable periodic edits as required to maintain currency, and that the CoA work with the Ridgefield Director of Social Services to explore the possibility of obtaining philanthropic funding for professional graphic design, printing, and possible mailing as a Senior Directory companion piece. Commissioner Martin seconded. A brief discussion followed with Mr. Bancel making the point that the CoA is advantaged to include a CoA logo on all its documents as this will increase CoA visibility and perhaps spur interest on the part of others in the community to assist with CoA work. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Ternullo called for a vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

As a 6<sup>th</sup> order of business, Ms. Saleeby reported that she has worked with the Ridgefield Playhouse regarding free movies for seniors (4 showings starting at 1 pm as follows: 6/20 - Fences, 7/11 - Something's Gotta Give, 7/25 - Chinatown, and 8/8 - Going in Style) and is nearing completion re arranging suitable transportation for seniors. Brief discussion followed.

As a 7<sup>th</sup> order of business, Ms. Martin reported that she increasingly has a better understanding of publicity sources and postings". She asked for support with distribution of flyers in the future. A discussion followed.

As an 8<sup>th</sup> order of business, as a point of information, Mr. Ternullo summarized the CoA housekeeping matters listed on the agenda for this meeting. No discussion followed.

As a ninth order of business, Mr. Ternullo invited the identification of new business matters for the CoA. There being none, Mr. Ternullo invited a motion to adjourn. Ms. Saleeby called for adjournment. Mr. Noyes seconded. There being no further business to come before this Commission, Mr. Ternullo declared the meeting adjourned.

The above is a true and accurate summary of the CoA 5/15/2023 meeting

Joseph Ternullo, Chair and Acting Secretary  
5/15/2023