

## TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD

Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes Monday, June 21, 2021

Present: Laura Giovannoli, Debra Francechini-Gatje, George Noyes, Marry Morrisoe, Sheila Silverman, Cathleen Savery, Stephanie Rowe, Maureen Culhane, Andrea Beebe Tony Phillips

Absent: Karen Gaudian

Meeting called to order at 7:17pm

### Old Business

Sheila Silverman Made the motion to approve the May Minutes, George Noyes seconded, All approved.

Discussion About the Covid Memorial. George shared his idea of a memorial plaque to commemorate those affected by Covid and the essential workers of all services who assisted the town's residents. Debra has a meeting Tuesday morning at 9am with First Selectman Rudy Marconi to discuss this idea. She will report back. RVNA will not be part of the meeting. Tony suggested checking with the clergy and Ridgefield Crossing.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor: Stephanie asked how many are still using the service. At this time only 5 residents. Debra will take on taking care of 2 families as a trial run to see if the need will be there going forward. Should the numbers increase, there may be a town non-profit entity that may assist.

Stephanie spoke about the 3 grants we can submit applications to for consideration. She will write the mission/impact/intent statements for our approval to use. Each have different due dates for submissions.

1. Connecticut Community Foundation
2. Ridgefield Thrift Shop
3. Fairfield County Community Foundation

Various ideas were discussed on how to apply grant monies if awarded.

Sheila made a motion to allow Stephanie to write a "letter of intent" on behalf of the Commission on Aging by August 15, 2021. . Debra seconded. All Approve.

CT Dept. of Aging program 'Pathways to Living in an Age-Inclusive Society'- Classes are done for now.

Mary discussed the "We on Shine Fair". Although streets were very busy with foot traffic, there were not many seniors in town.

### New Business

Laura spoke with Karen Guadian about establishing an email address for the COA that can be used for correspondence and can be passed on to future members. Rudy Marconi's admin Amy is in the process of working with IT to set up. Once known, the new email address will be shared with the COA and posted on the town website.

Our names will continue to be listed.

Sheila discussed the many free transportation options she's been taking advantage of in Ridgefield. Registration required before able to use transportation resources below.

- Rides for Ridgefield
- SweetHart Bus
- Town Loop Bus

The Commission discussed possibly creating some business cards that contained all the pertinent transportation information along with phone numbers that seniors could keep in their wallets.

George discussed the option of changing our meeting time to earlier in the evening. The Commission will discuss further after Summer Break.

The Commission on Aging will be on Summer Break during the months of July and August 2021.

Next meeting is September 20th at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Meeting Secretary,  
Andrea Beebe