

**Town of Ridgefield
Commission on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 18th, 2021**

Present: Laura Giovannoli, Debra Francechini-Gatje, George Noyes, Mary Morrisroe, Sheila Silverman, Stephanie Rowe, Maureen Culhane, Tony Phillips, Karen Guadian

Absent: Andrea Beebe, Cathleen Savery

Laura congratulated Mary Morrisroe on extending her term with the COA for another 3 years.

Stephanie is managing the commissiononaging@ridgefield.org email address as is needed to fill out Grant requests.

Stephanie provide an update on grant applications to be submitted.

Deb provided an update on the Covid 19 Memorial and how Rudy suggested that we wait until the Main St. widening construction is done.

Sheila and Laura will worked together to create transportation business card. Laura will contact chair of Rides for Ridgefield to confirm they are okay with is publishing cards and placing them around town. Email sent to Dave Smith who is the Rides for Ridgefield chair.

The Commission on Aging sponsored Fall Prevention event with RVNA Health and the Ridgefield Library will be held on Wednesday, [November 10th](#) at 2pm. Flyers are being printed up for marketing and pin up around town.

Karen brought up more complaints she's received from residents at Ballard Green regarding incorrect recertifications and high vacancy rate at a time where so many folks looking for housing.

Karen also mentioned that she and 2 Medicare Choices volunteers will be doing Part D-prescription drug reviews at the library, via Zoom and by phone when Medicare Enrollment begins.

Deb & Andrea will follow up with Kostas and Rudy on the proclamation for Dimitris for all the great community support he gave to our seniors. We hope to give to him on [October 26th](#).

Maureen brought up an issue regarding Stop & Shop closing its Pharmacy and that all

current scripts would be sent to the CVS in Ridgefield.

The group discussed holiday gift bags, but decided to wait until Valentines Day for a bag giveaway similar to what the commission did last year with the Interact Clubs assisting with delivery.

Laura asked that all members come back with senior informational & social ideas for discussion at our next meeting.

The Commission clarified with Debra that the meeting start time change of 6:30pm was approved by the committee in the September meeting. Debra will be sure to reflect the next agenda with the correct start time and submit the change to Town Hall for update.

Laura adjourned the meeting at 8pm. George motioned and Debra seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Franceschini
Secretary