

**APPROVED
TOWN OF CANTON
COMMISSION ON AGING
MAY 2, 2016**

PRESENT: Mary Ann Christensen, Ken Daniels, Mary Lou Erardi, Lori Kluessendorf, Dottie Murray, Maureen Wallison

ATTENDEES: Nicole Carrasquillo

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Priscilla Cifone - observing the meeting as she has applied to become a commission member. Tom Chauvin - expressed his regret at having to resign as he has moved out of the area but will keep in touch.

MINUTES

Minutes for the April 4, 2016, meeting were approved as presented

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nicole distributed for review a draft Canton Senior Center “Membership” application. Discussion re the purpose which is to streamline the current processes into one document, i.e. emergency contact, special needs, etc. Also discussed re another name as the senior center is not member driven..
- Nicole addressed the posting of evacuation signs in the Senior Center area to clarify exiting especially in an emergency situation.

OLD BUSINESS

- First time voting at Canton Community Center on 04/26 appeared successful event. The voting event magnified the traffic problems in the parking areas for entering/exiting as well as the need for directional signage. Is this a town issue – to address with Claire.
- Re Dial A Ride & Medical Transportation – Priscilla spoke up as to problems that arise when it is necessary to use cabs vs the Dial a Ride bus. Other issues re the medical transportation appear to be in making reservations including the timing for making reservations. Lori will contact Candy to attend a future meeting so that reservation issues can be clarified and/or updated.

COORDINATOR’S REPORT

Nicole advised of programming & events including:

- “Community Conversation” Group – successful event meets every other Friday- deciding on future topics
- Ukrainian Egg Painting - event successful sessions open to all not just seniors
- Volunteer & Friends Luncheon well attended event had over 75 attendees
- Healthier Baking Class – the 04/19 class with Nikki DeRosa had sign ups but no one attended
- Smoothies: with Nikki DeRosa – Shop Rite dietitian scheduled for 05/25
- Wii Bowlers: Bowling vs Elmwood Senior Center in West Hartford scheduled for 05/03
- End of Life Choices: Library is sponsoring a presentation on 05/07
- Hearing Screenings: scheduled 05/10 - currently schedule is full but may be able to increase participation
- Senior Empowerment Workshop: with Karla Medina–personal trainer event scheduled 05/16–cost is \$6
- Long Term Care Presentation- scheduled 05/12 with St. Patrick’s Human Needs Committee
- Medication Safety Presentation: scheduled 05/18 to answer questions re storage/elimination
- LGBT Moveable Senior Center: Canton as host scheduled for 07/25
- Future events: Canton Cabaret scheduled 06/02 / Geriatric Eye Screened scheduled 06/09 / annual Rotary Club Senior Picnic scheduled 07/21

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2016 @ 12 noon

The meeting started at 12:00 noon and concluded at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dottie Murray, Secretary