

**Sherman Commission on Aging**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 16, 2015  
Mallory Town Hall, 6:00 PM

**FINAL**

**Present:** J. Wey, A. Jellen, J. McRoberts, S. McMahon and E. Hayes

**Absent:** J. Garcia

**Public & Invited:** Social Services Suzette Berger and Commission Clerk C. Branson

**Call to Order:** Chair, J. Wey Called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

**Senior Center Report:**

Social Services, Suzette Berger, delivered the monthly report. She thanked the Commission for their understanding during the time she was recovering from her injury. On Wednesday November 18 the SPTO will meet at the school cafeteria to put together meals for those who are homebound. So far 50 people have rsvp'd. Ms. Berger asked the Commissioners for support in seeking holiday gifts for the Senior Luncheon this year. A total of 40 items are needed. The Commission could solicit donations or gifts from local businesses, cash donations, gift cards, and other sources. Ms. Berger also wanted to bring to the Commission a growing concern regarding safety during the weekly shopping trips. There is one bus trip a week that brings Seniors to the New Milford area to shop. There number of folks participating in these trips has doubled from last year and the bus gets over-crowded with passengers and their bags. The best solution would be to request the BoS consider approval of one additional trip a week totaling three additional hours which would relieve the overcrowding as well as creating a shorter trip for those who cannot travel long distances. The Commission discussed details within the Senior Center Budget and agreed to endorse this request. Commissioner E. Hayes agreed to draft a letter to the BoS requesting an increase to the transportation budget.

**Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2015:**

Commissioner J. McRoberts Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting October 19, 2015 as written.

Seconded by: S. McMahon

Vote: For: Unanimous

**Old Business**

**Senior Center Security Discussion**

DEEK Electric visited the Senior Center and put together a bid proposal to the First Selectman. More details will come at the next meeting.

**Duties of Secretary**

The Commission discussed the Secretary would be the official keeper of the binder. This is where a member directory, meeting schedule, meeting minutes and related materials will be chronicled and updated on a monthly basis. Also to be included will be emails and newspaper articles pertaining either to the Commission or Seniors. Secretary S. McMahon agreed to assume responsibility of the binder.

**2016-17 Schedule of Meetings**

The Commission approved the schedule with the following amendment; removal of the August and December meeting dates. Historically the Commission has not met during these months.

Commissioner J. McRoberts Moved to Approve the Commission on Aging 2016-17 Schedule of Meetings as amended.

Seconded by: S. McMahon

Vote: For: Unanimous

## New Business

### Housing Commission Survey

The Commission discussed details regarding a new survey the Housing Commission is proposing to put forth to the Town. Chair, J. Wey commented she was in receipt of the proposed survey and thought it was very well written. Discussion followed. The Housing Commission is seeking input from the Community regarding long term housing solutions for Seniors. A survey similar to this went to the Town several years ago which did not receive much feedback. Recently in the past year a proposal to provide affordable housing units to the Town was defeated in a Town vote. The purpose of the new survey is to ask for more information regarding the intent to provide housing and additional details regarding if the applicant supported or was against the previous proposal. The Housing Commission feels they will be better equipped to move forward with a housing solution, once such information is available.

### FY 2016-17 Budget Discussion

S. Berger requested input from the Commission regarding the upcoming Budget requests. In the past the Center has cut and eliminated some services, there seem to be an increasing number of Seniors who are seeking use of programs and assistance, the proposed Budget will need to reflect increases to accommodate this need.

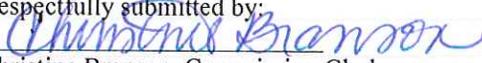
### New Fairfield Commission on Aging Questionnaire-

The Commission agreed to consider the contents of the questionnaire to better define their own duties on the Sherman CoA.

## Adjournment

Commissioner J. McRoberts Adjourned the Meeting at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

December 3, 2015

APPROVED AS WRITTEN AT THE JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 REGULAR MEETING