

Sherman Commission on Aging
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 8, 2017
Mallory Town Hall, 4:00 PM

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Present: J. Wey, S. McMahon, R. Hudson, A. Jellen, and J. McRoberts

Absent: E. Hayes and J. Garcia

Public & Invited: Social Services Director B. Trott, and Commission Clerk, C. Branson

Call to Order: **Chair J. Wey Called the Meeting to Order** at 4:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

R. Hudson Moved to Approve the Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of January 11, 2017 as written.

Seconded by: J. McRoberts

Vote: For : Unanimous

Senior Center Report:

Beth Trott reported an update regarding the Nutrition line in the Budget. She spoke to CW Resources and found that they had not sent any billing for the last three years. That is why it appeared the line of the budget was not being spent. CW Resources will not bill for the "forgotten" three years but will bill yearly moving forward. This is a needed resource to the Seniors in the Community. The projected cost for this current FY will be \$750.00. A request for funding in the amount of \$750.00 for Nutrition will be included in the FY 2017-18 Budget. Mrs. Trott alerted the Commission of potential Budget cuts coming on the State level for Nutrition to Seniors. The State previously funded three meals a day and now will be reduced to two meals. Discussion followed regarding other Town resources that offset funding for meals. The Commission discussed requesting information from Matthew 25 to see what support they offer Seniors. Discussion followed regarding mounting the flat screen television higher so it could be viewed by more people. Commissioner Hudson volunteered to do the work. Also discussed was a request from the Senior Center to purchase special chairs that will be easier for people with limited mobility. The Senior Center is additionally requesting a 4 hour a week increase for the Clerk position for the next FY 2017-18.

Old Business:

Senior Art Show:

Chair, J. Wey and J. McRoberts met with M. Loeb and L. Oppenheimer from the Library to work out details involving the Art Show. They discouraged use of the Barn room. Jeanne recommended using the list that J. Jenner provided for previous contacts and splitting the list among the Commission to contact. This Commission discussed contacting personal friends as well. There Commission discussed placing an advertisement in the Town Tribune in May seeking Sherman artists over the age of 55. Additionally, Suzette agreed to placing the ad on the back page of the monthly calendar of Senior events. The advertisement can also be posted on the

Town website. The Library can accommodate approximately 30 pieces of art. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of holding two receptions one in the evening and one during the afternoon. Instead of posting small index cards next to the work, it was agreed to create a list along with the Artist's bio. The date to hang the art work will be the day before the opening reception. It will be okay if the Artist brings their work earlier in the week, it will be stored safely in one of the offices. The Library has a liability waiver for the Artists, the Commission discussed creating a separate liability waiver for additional coverage.

New Business:

Terms of Commissioners:

Chair, J. Wey spoke to the First Selectman's office regarding the length of terms and expirations. Administrative Assistant, R. Byrnes confirmed the Commissioners are appointed to serve three year terms. The Commissioners agreed to the following terms:

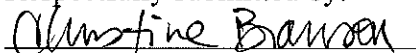
Janet Wey	3 years	Sheila McMahan	2 years
Arthur Jellen	3 years	Rick Hudson	2 years
Jeanne McRoberts	3 years	Juan Garcia	2 years
Ed Hayes	3 years		

Chair J. Wey will write a letter of recommendation to the BoS requesting the re-appointment of the members. The Commission will discuss any changes to the By-Laws at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Commissioner A. Jellen Moved to Adjourn the Meeting at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

February 15, 2017