



AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION
Age Friendly Community Sub-Committee

Regular Meeting - Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 2:30 P.M.
Eno Memorial Hall – Old Court Room IN PERSON
MINUTES Subject to Approval

Jan Beatty, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jan Beatty, Cheryl Cook (via phone), Libby Easton May, Mike Jennings, Katie Robbins

EXCUSED: Ed LaMontagne

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was recited.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT: No one from the public was in attendance and no comments were received.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Mr. Jennings moved to accept the minutes of March 7, 2024 without correction; Ms. Robbins seconded. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Stakeholders/Community Partners:**

Ms. Easton-May did not hear back from Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department. It was decided to declare all stakeholder data complete for collation.

➤ **Collation of Data:**

Ms. Beatty will collate the data after the focus groups are held. Ms. Robbins volunteered to help.

➤ **Books to Your Door Bags:**

Ms. Robbins noted that a total of 5 surveys have been returned.

➤ **Meals on Wheels:**

Ms. Beatty noted that 3 surveys from Meals on Wheels participants have been returned.

➤ **Dates and Location for Focus Groups**

The Focus Groups will be held as follows:

- April 24th – McLean, Goodrich, Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- April 26th – Simsbury Public Library, Weatogue Room, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- April 27th – Tariffville Trinity Episcopal Church, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ellis Dillon from UCONN has agreed to facilitate the first two focus groups; she has a schedule conflict for the third, for which Ms. Beatty will act as facilitator.

➤ **Creating One Page Summary**

A one-page summary of the Age Friendly Program will be developed for a Board of Selectman meeting in early summer.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Distributing Invitation for Focus Group Members:**

Subcommittee members shared responsibility for getting the invitation widely posted to various social media, SCM, town manager, McLean, and local gathering spots. Some invitations have already gone out and responses have started to come in to both the Senior Center and the email listed on the invitation.

➤ **Focus Group Materials, Agenda, and Assignments:**

Supplies, agenda, and refreshments were discussed. An agenda will follow the AARP model found in Book 2 of their *AARP Roadmap to Livability* collection; Professor Ellis has the agenda and script. Ms. Easton-May will be the note-taker for the first two focus groups and Ms. Robbins will be the note-taker for the third. Ms. Beatty will attend all three sessions and facilitate the third. Both McLean and Tariffville Episcopal Church have graciously offered to have refreshments available for the focus groups at their facilities. Ms. Robbins kindly agreed to purchase refreshments for the focus group at the library.

➤ **Upcoming AARP Age Friendly Webinars:**

The following are upcoming AARP Age Friendly webinars for the next two months:

April: Addressing Housing Issues

Tuesday, April 9th, 3:00 PM to 4:00 P.M.

<https://events.aarp.org/wrxA7o?locale=en>

May 14, 2024, 3-4 pm: Looking at Long-Term Sustainability of Age-Friendly Initiatives

<https://events.aarp.org/Nw1zoB?locale=en>

OTHER

- There was discussion of some of the responses garnered recently indicating ongoing transportation concerns and the limited number of handicapped parking spaces at the Senior Center. Mr. Jennings noted an option of Sunshine Wheels from New Horizons. Ms. Cook suggested conveying the parking issue to Public Works.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Ms. Beatty adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: **May 2, 2024 at 2:30 pm** in person Eno Memorial Hall