



AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION
Age Friendly Community Sub-Committee

Regular Meeting - Thursday, May 2, 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, Ed LaMontagne, Libby Easton May, Cheryl Cook, Mike Jennings

EXCUSED: Katie Robbins

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:

Regular Meeting on 4/4/2024

Mr. LaMontagne moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Cook seconded. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

➤ **Stakeholders/Community Partners:**

Updates have all been completed. Ms. Beatty will summarize.

➤ **Summary for BOS:**

Ms. Beatty will create a one-page summary for the BOS. The summary will be distributed to sub-committee members for review. It is hoped that the summary can be presented at the June 24th BOS meeting.

➤ **A&D Forum:**

The forum titled, Services for Seniors, was held on April 9th at the Simsbury Public Library. Only six people attended, but the topics were well received. Discussion was held on how future forums can be improved.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Focus Group Summary/Next Steps:**

The focus groups were conducted on April 24th, 26th & 27th. Professor Ellis Dillon from the UCONN Center on Aging facilitated the first two focus groups and Ms. Beatty facilitated the third. There were 7 community members at each focus group. The following top priorities were indicated at each of the focus groups:

April 24th @ McLean

- Community Center
- Single-Level Housing

- Transportation
- (Affordability stressed for all three)

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April 26th @ Simsbury Public Library

- Transportation
- Intergenerational Focus
- Housing – Aging-in-Place, Single-Level, Integrated Ages

April 27th @ Tariffville (Trinity Episcopal Church)

- Transportation
- Wellness – Independence without Isolation, intergenerational activity, diversity
- Housing – Affordable and accessible

Next steps: Set time for presentation to BOS, prepare PPT for that meeting, send summary to focus group participants, and start data collection for Action Plan. Assignments were made for data collection in preparation for drafting an Action Plan.

➤ **AARP Webinar on Housing Issues**

The webinar was held on April 9th.

➤ **Upcoming AARP Age Friendly Webinars:**

The following are upcoming AARP Age Friendly webinars for the next month:
May, 14th, 3-4 P.M. – Looking at Long-Term Sustainability of Age Friendly Initiatives

OTHER

- No other business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, Ms. Beatty adjourned the meeting at 3: 35 pm.

Next Meeting: **June 6, 2024 at 2:30 pm** in person Eno Memorial Hall

Respectfully submitted:

Edward J. LaMontagne

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Clerk