

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

October 18, 2021 Virtual at Town of Mansfield 9:30 AM

In accordance with PA 21-2 §147 and social distancing guidelines recommended by the CDC to slow community spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held virtually. The public may listen to the meeting live by calling 1 (929) 205-6099, meeting ID: 849 9673 7392 with passcode: 249936. Additionally, an archive video recording of the meeting will be made available at <https://mansfieldct.gov/video> for 12 months. Public Comment will be accepted by email at HumanServ@MansfieldCT.org or by USPS mail at Mansfield Human Services 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268 and must be received prior to the meeting (public comment received after the meeting will be shared at the next meeting)

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xjRudxQwP8>

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM

PRESENT: John Riesen (2021), Martina Wharton (2023), Nancy Trawick-Smith (2023), Devon Hock (2023), Joanne Sousa (2021), David Stevens (2023), Sylvie Delamontte (2023), Laura Austin (2025)

ABSENT: Will Bigl (2021)

STAFF LIAISON MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Taylor: Senior Center Supervisor, Dorothy delValle: Administrative Service Specialist, Human Services, Yamil Figueroa Director of Transportation

Additional Community Members Present: Rhonda Dazy

John Riesen made a motion to accept the minutes of September 13, 2021. The notion was seconded by Martina Wharton and approved.

Introductions: Sylvie Delamontte, resident of Rolling Hills community and resident of Mansfield since 1987. Sylvie is volunteering for the commission and introductions were given of COA members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-An email from Barbara Vaughn who reconsidered her membership to the committee and sent an email of resignation.

SARAH TAYLOR'S REPORT:

- Drive through lunches continue every other week. They are held on Fridays and there will be three in October.
- Daily lunches continue in collaboration with TVCCA. Meal is a suggested donation of 3 dollars. Lunches M-F attendance is low typically 4-8 people.
- Wellness services: This month haircuts have begun which will continue on a monthly basis. Also have a podiatrist coming every 6 weeks. Pedicures, also present which is comfort and care foot care as opposed to podiatry services.
- Also, doing massage and introduced a hearing clinic looking into starting more fitness classes.
- Highlighting monthly newsletter.
- Veteran's Day is coming up. Plan for a drive through, catered luncheon, meal is free of charge for veterans and their spouses. Lunch is Friday, November 5th.
- Masks are required in the buildings at all times, can be taken off during meals. Masks are required during fitness and jewelry classes as well.
- Senior Center has not received any additional information regarding services for Booster shot. Currently most people are getting Booster through their primary care providers who are deciding who is eligible at this time.
- Sarah reports Van parts are not available and will get next update in 4-6 weeks.

HOUSING REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Rolling Hills (Jensen's Park): Sylvie reported they are replacing driveways. New community president has been elected for the recreation committee, and there are many activities going on. Allowed to go back to having resident meetings in the clubhouse.

Sylvie reports, no longer family owned. Any new home coming in is going to be a double wide and the prices are going to be in excess of 100k.

Glen Ridge: Position Vacant. Still waiting for a representative.

Juniper Hill Village: Rhonda Dazy, new representative for Juniper Hill Village. There was a successful flu clinic on 10/14. In person recreational activities have continued. Bingo has started on Tuesday nights and there was an outdoor entertainer.

Wrights Way: Position vacant. Looking to advertise for Housing Representative in Senior Sparks.

Old Business:

A. Mansfield Connections article: Joanne is reaching out to see if anyone has a synopsis of the group for the article and they will also take a picture of the group. John will continue to follow up with this article. Joanne stated Mansfield Connections will notify us regarding picture taking.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION:

N/A

New Business:

- Committee is stable. We have a full group of members.
- Plan to have one in person meeting. November 8th is the next scheduled meeting.
- John states, our charge says that we report to the Town Council. Suggests that annually we bring 2-3 issues that we bring to the town. Asks, how will we decide which issues to focus on? John suggests one major issue is the Senior Center and planning for a new Senior Center. Second issue suggested is housing and discussion ensued regarding housing topic.
- A subcommittee will be formed to write a statement to the town council regarding housing to include Martina, Joanne, Sylvie, and John.
- Sarah brings up concern regarding how is the town supporting people in aging well, and staying at home for as long as possible? Transportation noted to also an issue.

ADDITIONAL REPORT:

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM. The next regular meeting is November 8, 2021.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Devon Hock.