FINAL
Minutes of the Commission on Aging Monthly Meeting
February 2, 2022

Attendees: Robert Berman, Marie MacDonald, Pat Miller, Jeannette Rivers, Leon Rivers, Shirley Thompson, Peter Wilcox

Guests: Marie Bendzans (first part of meeting) and Yvette Huyghue-Pannell (Senior Services Liaisons)

Absent: Halestee Graham Days, Susan Odoms, Barbara Reisner

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, was called to order at 12:37 pm.

Old Business:
Reminder that any member wishing to be reappointed for a new term must complete a Boards & Commissions Interest form (copy attached) and submit it to the Town Clerk.
There are three open seats on the Commission: one Republican and two Democrat.

The AARP Tax Aide program started today. Tax Aide volunteers will be at the Human Services Center through April 6. Appointments are required.

The Souper New Year luncheon was canceled by the provider due to COVID-19 concerns.

Public Comments
There will be a St. Patrick’s Day drive-through luncheon on Wednesday, March 16. Tickets are required and are available at the Senior Center.

N-95 masks were distributed to homebound individuals and elderly housing sites last month. Senior Services still has a supply of masks available for Bloomfield residents.

Yvette mentioned that someone had expressed an interest in the Commission and wondered if meetings could be held in the evening. Yvette polled the group. Those in attendance voted no; however, since there was not a quorum, no official vote could be taken. (The individual would be able to participate via Zoom with a hybrid meeting.)

A Matter of Balance, an evidence-based program, will begin at the Senior Center on February 7. The 8-session class will meet from 1:00-3:00 pm twice a week (Mondays and Fridays).

A Valentine’s Day luncheon will be held on Monday, February 14. There is a limit of 30 participants. The lunch is being donated by Amna’s, a local restaurant.

A women’s breakfast will take place at 9:30 am on Friday, February 18; and a men’s breakfast at 9:30 am on Friday, February 25. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required.

The Tuesday morning public health nurse program is being modified. Starting in March, individual “10-minute wellness screenings” will be open to any Bloomfield adult who would like to participate. Services provided would include blood pressure, blood sugar,
temperature and weight checks. The nurse will be available on Tuesdays from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm.

This year's budget presentation to the Town Council will take place on March 17. A question was asked as to what we are going to do with the COA budget this year. Yvette suggested that everyone think about what they would like to do and she will also think about suggestions.

It was asked if the members would like to meet in person. Those in attendance said yes; however, because there was not a quorum, no vote could be taken. Yvette spoke with the town manager, who said it was her call, so hybrid meetings will begin on March 2.

The January minutes were not approved because there was no quorum.

A motion was made to adjourn; there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.

The next meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, March 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Miller
Secretary