TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 21st, 2023

Middlebury Senior Center

9:30 A.M.

Members Present: Jean Hansen, Ann Zimkus, Nancy Mastroianni, Maryann Barra, Ann Spierto, Nancy Pun

JoAnn Cappelletti, Municipal Agent, Senior Center and Social Services Director

Members Absent: Judy Mirrer

The meeting was called to order by Jean at 9:38 a.m.

Review and approval of Minutes for September 19th, 2023.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 19th, 2023 was made by Nancy M. and seconded by Maryann.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Balance on hand is $150. Approximately $350 was used to purchase the program called “Are you there?”

**Chairman’s Report:**

**Municipal Agent Report**

**Senior Center**

**Transportation:**

GWTD still running Thursday from 9 to 3:45 for the Town of Middlebury.

The Senior Center bus hours are from 8:30 to 1:45 P.M.; Monday through Friday. Thursday is still reserved with GWTD and our senior bus.

No new repairs for either bus; regular oil changes are performed by the town garage.

**Benefit Programs:**

Energy Assistance applications are still being processed for the Winter season with a noticeable increase in numbers.

As of December 1st Eversource, has offered 10-50% rate decrease on electric bills for qualifying homes

The Middlebury Food Bank received enough donations of food & turkeys for our needy families; also, thanks to our volunteers, they were able to be distributed efficiently

Warm clothes, hats & scarves were collected for the Waterbury Homeless shelter with approx. 15 bags donated. These were desperately needed and very much appreciated

**New Business:**

AARP Safe Driver’s Course has been scheduled for 2024. The dates are as follows; January 29th, March 25th, May 20th, July 22nd, Sept. 23rd, and Nov. 18th.

There will be no AARP Tax Help for the 2024 season. All inquiries will be referred to Woodbury Senior Center or Naugatuck Public Library.

Flu Clinic held on Oct. 17th was successful with approx. 70 people in attendance

Students from Middlebury enrolled at UCONN contacted the Senior Center about doing a blood drive on January 6th, 2024

Medicare specialist Nancy Cimmino has been available by appointment only; there has been a decrease in need for her services. Medicare open enrollment ends December 7th

Pickleball has been successful on Thursday mornings. We have two volunteer instructors that have been teaching beginners with a group of 5-7 people every week. The auditorium is available Thursday and Friday from 9:30-3:30 PM for anyone to use for Pickleball.

**Old Business:**

“Are you there?” as been and will continue to be on hold until the phone line issue with the Police Department is resolved; or a different program can be implemented.

**Public Questions/Comments:**

The next Commission on Aging meeting scheduled for February 20th, 2024.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. was made by Jean Hansen, seconded by Nancy M. and approved.