Putnam Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Putnam Municipal Complex
Room #112

Present: Sheila Coderre, Paul Desautels, Ann Russo, Laura Crosetti, Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Melody Cassio, Louise Brodeur, Linda Lamoureux, John Dignam and Director Bousquet.

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.by Chairperson Melody Cassio.

2. Approval of Minutes from April 2022: Paul made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ann, motion carried.

3. Petitions and Communications: None presented.

4. Unfinished Business:
   A) Community Room /Kitchen Update: Willie shared that all is going well.
   B) Best Wishes Committee: Cards are continuing to be sent out.
   C) TVCCA Update: Lunches are continuing to be well received by the Putnam seniors.
   D) NECOGG Van Update: The van is not certified yet for day to day use. The DMV Inspection is being set. The van will be in use for the RI trip. All drivers in place.
   E) Community Room Programming: Willie shared there are holiday themes. He also shared the list of upcoming bus trips for the year. If anyone is interested in going on a trip they need to sign up with Linda French. 5/10 Christmas Tree Shop, 6/18 Village Haven, 7/20 Senior Picnic, 8/4 Iggys
   F) Covid Test Kits: Willie has some if any senior or commission member needs some.
   G) Celebration Meal for May: Omelet, Cucumber Salad
   H) Senior Fair Update: There will be no lunch that day on 10/4/22. The fair will run from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Willie shared a possible layout of the vendors.
   I) Continued Discussion of VoiceFriend: Laura reported the company is willing to cut the price in half for the first year at $1200. Christopher Heights will provide a sponsorship of $300 so we need three more sponsors. June 1st is possible to get started. Laura will ask the seniors to complete the required forms. A motion was made by Willie for the Commission on Aging to strive to raise the $1200 with a campaign to solicit pledges to fund the VoiceFriend project. The motion was seconded by John and the motion carried unanimously. The VoiceFriend company will receive an invitation to present at the Senior Fair in October. Melody will approach the Lions Club to do a trivia night to raise funds for the project. Fundraising will be wrapped up by June 15th with a press release on June 20th. The COA should reach out to prospective donors by June 7th. There will be a date set in June for all the sponsors to be recognized in the press release.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Louise, seconded by John to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Linda Lamoureux, Secretary