TOWN OF PUTNAM
COMMISSION ON AGING
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Meeting Minutes
TUESDAY August 6, 2024 at 6 PM

Present: JoAnne Sorel, Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Paul Desautels, Anita Santerre, Ann Russo, Leia Faucher, Laura Crosetti, Rec Director Willie Bousquet, (plus 11 guests)
Absent: Sheila Coderre, Louise Brodeur

1. Introduction of Commission Members & Roll Call by Rec Director Bousquet
2. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Stephanie J
3. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2024: Ann R made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by JoAnne S, Discussion: none. Motion carried.
4. Petitions and Communications:
   A) Homeschooled teenaged girls group leader offering a group project to seniors, Tuesday, February 11, 2024 @ 12:15-1:15pm, trivia type game w/theme of Valentines Day. COA to provide themed snack @ end of program for girls to hand out. COA members are asked to provide input @ next month's meeting for approval of program
   B) Putnam Lions (Leia) announced that their Free monthly trivia night Wed 8/28/24, 7pm @ the Crossings will benefit the COA. These funds will be used by COA for Senior Dance & Christmas Party sponsorships
5. New Business:
   A) AARP CT Grant, deadline 8/16/24. Not ample time to come up w/plan & complete app for this year. Asked COA members to review app requirements & submit specifics to complete this for the 2025 grant
   B) Initial request for outreach to potential dance sponsors no longer needed as Putnam Lions Club, Christopher Heights of Webster, and Matulaitis Skilled Care & Rehab have all been confirmed
6. Unfinished Business:
   A) Community Room/Kitchen Update:
      i Town Annual inspection/PERMIT (due Dec) & TVCCA PERMIT (due Dec): all Permits COMPLETED for the year. No action needed until Nov/Dec. *NO REPORT*
   B) TVCCA Update – all things going smoothly
   C) Senior Van(s) Update: new van went out to Greggs lunch trip, excellent ride w/AC, sat 10 w/a seat to spare
   D) Community Room Programming/Events:
      i 8/29 Thurs, Mini-van trip – Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm, leave @10am
      ii 9/5 Thurs, Trip Club Fun Trivia & trip sign ups - Back to School Theme
      iii 9/11 Wed, Sr DICSO Dance @ Elks, 6-8pm
      iv 9/19 Thurs, Salisbury Mansion/Olive Garden Worcester - Chicken Parm, leave @9:30, $20
   E) Topical Programs
      i **NEW/ONGOING:**
         1 Reminder of Hartford Healthcare @ Putnam Walgreens – services noted on this website https://hartfordhealthcare.org/services/same-day-care/walgreens , NOT available in Putnam Stop & Shop *Louise*
      ii **UPCOMING:**
         1 10/1/24: Putnam PD/Jennifer Basto Medicare LL Sr Forum, 5:30pm start - REMINDER COA monthly meeting IS @5pm BEFORE SEMINAR. Submit questions to Rec office before seminar so they can be discussed during seminar effectively & efficiently
      iii **PAST:**
         a. 7/11 Thurs, Trip Club Fun & Trip Sign Up – 4th of July theme
         b. 7/18 Thurs, Senior Picnic @ Elks, well attended, Summer Campers served & were awarded the town Thank you of the month for doing so

c. 8/1 Thurs, Greggs trip – 50 attendees, great food & service, mermaids spotted!

F) Public Comments:

i Farmers Markets Cards: (used to be vouchers, now are reloadable cards provided by state based on income) No longer available in Putnam and only @ QV Sr Ctr in Brooklyn. Rec Director Bousquet provided history on subject: way back was in Assessor's office, then moved to Rec office to pair w/renters rebate program, then Assessor's office took back renters rebate but did not want to admin the farmers market program (there are requirements that must be met to admin the program). Rec Director Bousquet is going to suggest to town administrator that this program come back to Putnam's Municipal Agent for the Elderly (IHSP)

5. Adjournment: A motion was made by Anita S, 2nd by Ann R to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 6pm, Community Room 112

Respectfully Submitted: *Marcy B Dawley*, Acting Secretary

Chair: Stephanie Jarmolowicz, Vice-Chair: Louise Brodeur, Sheila Coderre, Laura Crosetti, Paul Desautels, Leia Faucher, Ann Russo, Anita Santerre, JoAnne Sorel
***Meetings 1st Tuesday each month, unless otherwise noted** COA began in January 2016*