# Town of Montville COMMISSION ON AGING

12 Maple Ave. Uncasville, Connecticut 06382 Minutes – November 2, 2022

#### 1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 on November 2, 2022 in the library at the Senior Center.

#### 2. Roll call

Present were commission members: Skinner, Adams, Taylor, Ziegler and Liaison Caron. Absent with cause: Murphy, Doherty-Peck, and Liaison LT Radford.

## 3. Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Sept 7, 2022 meeting by Skinner and seconded by Taylor. All in favor.

# 4. Approval of the bills

None

### 5. Correspondence

None

## 6. Remarks from the public

None

### 7. Intro of Special Guest:

Cathy Osten – reported on several programs affecting seniors and senior centers. The State gave the Department of Aging a grant with ARPA funds amounting to 10 million dollars. The amounted to approximately \$50,000 per Center. Some centers will receive more and less for smaller centers. THE hope is to engage seniors after covid to return to participating in free programs like bus trips, dinner, movies or plays, etc. The money should be available December – January. An additional 3 Million of ARPA money was given for TVCCA programs and adult day centers, totaling 21 Million. Senator Osten also talked about the state providing money to hire a coordinator to help bring together programs for all senior centers as well as providing 25 million for personal care attendants and home care personal.

Commissioner Ziegler asked the Senator about oversight of DPH in reference to the home care industry. She felt that there are regulations in place but more could be done. Caron said getting the word out abut different services available is a big problem. Senator Osten said she would check with DPH for any further updates.

Senator Osten further spoke about the Federal Government providing money for energy. This money is monitored by the State. The State has received 21 million, 69 million less than last year. This money goes to TVCCA and programs similar to this. Money coming from ARPA will help fill the shortage gap. She spoke about there being only 1 application to be filled out by applicants taking advantage of the various fuel programs.

#### Reports

Town Councilor Liaison Billy Caron reported on several town matters including starting budget process, most all vacancies in Town Hall personnel have been filled except for Asst. Finance Director. A new HR position has been filled. Councilor Caron also stated that he is on the ARPA committee ad as liaison to the Senior Center has seen the center has new freezers, etc., plus bus trips.

#### 9. Old Business

## 10. New business

No new business; Commission will work on present objectives.

# 11. Remarks from the Public

No remarks

#### 12. Remarks from the Commission

None

#### Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 10:50 A.M. All in favor.