

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
TO THE GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING
OCT 10, 2017 MEETING**

Call to order at 2:00 p.m. by Richard Golden followed by Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: Richard Golden, Linda VanEtten, Florence Ohle, Lyn Brunner, Ernie Harris, Larry Krajewski, Barbara Lindsay, Beverly Myers, Dorothy True, Terry McGee Ward, Ken Brooks

Excused: Patty Caporta, Kim Kaplan, Lillian Moore

Absent: Larry Gardner, Michelle Black, Dawn Wallant

NEW MEMBER:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: John Lopresti, Pending Mountaintop Area Representative & wife Judy

SEPT MINUTES: Motion made by Florence Ohle seconded by Linda Van Etten, to accept Sept 2017 minutes with no changes.

PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES: (PRESENTED BY TERRY MCGEE WARD)

ATTACHED IS A REPORT FROM CONNIE BENTLEY

ATTACHED IS A REPORT FROM RUTH PFORTE

ATTACHED IS A REPORT FROM TEZERA PULICE

Ken Brooks, Business Manager:

- AIP 2017 (Annual Implementation Plan) was approved on 9/21/17.
- 2018 County Budget – there will be no meeting with the County Legislators.

Terry McGee, Executive Director:

- Regarding the FIRST 48 HOURS pamphlet, Phase 1 has been completed. Phase 2 having the pamphlet reviewed by emergency services in Greene will start shortly.
- Terry discussed the Senior Recognition Luncheon in length with the Council. Suggestions were made that a new venue and menu should be considered.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- A drafted calendar of 2018 dates was handed out for review, they will be discussed and voted on at the Nov. 14, 2017 meeting.
- Terry and Ken attended a training seminar in Sept 2017, the topic was Elder Justice. One key thing that came out of the meeting was a program called “Coffee with a Cop”, where we invite a police officer to come to the center on a monthly basis, and the seniors become comfortable talking to the officer about issues in their town. Terry will talk to Tezera about this and report back next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Richard Golden, Cossackie Area Representative:

The Cossackie Food Pantry had noticed a decrease in attendance, it was discovered that a lot of people didn't know where the pantry was. Hopefully, they are back on track.

Linda VanEtten, DSS: NA

Michelle Black, Veterans Affairs Director: ABSENT,

Lynn Brunner, Athens Area Representative:

- Octoberfest is Thursday October 12, 2017

Larry Gardner, Legislature: Absent

Ernest Harris, Catskill Area Representative: NA

Kim Kaplan, Public Health: Absent / Patricia Caporta Excused:

Larry Krajewski, Director Catskill Mountain Housing:

- Wanted everyone to know that the Home Repair funding program is still open.
- There is now a 1 ½ to 2 year waiting list for senior apartments.

Barbara Lindsay, Mobility Mgr. the Arc of Ulster County:

- From Oct thru Dec Barb will be reaching out to the Senior Clubs and Senior Centers to set up a travel training seminar. She is calling it "Cookies and a Conversation". She wants to get and keep the word out there about the Greene County Transportation.

Lillian Moore, RSVP: Excused

Florence Ohle, Director Community Action:

- October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- National Weatherization Assistance program starts in October.
- Meetings are being set up in Prattsville to discuss both topics.
- The VITA program may benefit from a grant from AmeriCorps Youth Assistance Program. The youth will be taught to do taxes. This will allow Community Action to serve more clients.
- Community Action will be teaming up with the Catskill Elks again this year for a Thanksgiving Dinner celebration.

Dorothy True Cairo Area Representative:

- October 24, 2017 the Cairo Rotary Club is having a meeting from 1 – 3 p.m. At the Cairo Library "What can they do for you?" is the theme.
- Cornell Cooperative Extension is pairing up a senior with a High School student, to conduct an interview. Dorothy is the senior, she will report on how it went.

Dawn Wallant, Director Common Ground: Absent

Beverly Myers Greenville Area Representative:

- Asked if there was a way to reduce the cost of the Colonie Center Bus trip. – Ken will look into.
- Also inquired if we received any feedback on the “rename the newsletter” survey – we rec’d none.

John Lopresti – Pending Mountaintop Representative:

- Wanted everyone to know, if there is anything we want to post on the Mountaintop Newspapers to email him the information.

Meeting was adjourned by Florence Ohle & seconded by Dorothy True @ 3:18 pm.

Next Meeting will be: Tuesday, Nov 14, 2017 @ 2:00 PM in the Greene County Staff Training Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS