

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

MINUTES
May 2, 2017

A meeting held at the small meeting room at the East Granby Town Hall on May 2, 2017. Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. In attendance were Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; members Corrine Dickerson, Rose C. Egnat, Dolores Campbell, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, and Mary Ellen Tressy; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs. Absent were Chairman Richard Galluccio; Director of Senior Services Elise Cosker; and students Kylie Geer, and Rachel Griffin.

1. OPENING REMARKS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections made to the minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2017. R Egnat motioned and D Campbell seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs reported that May will be another month packed with new trips and standard happenings, all of which are typically well attended. The Clambake will be held on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 5:00pm.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

K Jacobs reported that a new Director of Social Services has been hired and has started this week. She is Elise Cosker. She has a social services background, and is a town resident.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

Nothing to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Reports were given concerning the five 2017 COA Initiatives.

COA meet at Metacomet/Higley villages as an outreach.

D Campbell and M E Tressy reported that they approached both villages about this, and the opportunity was warmly received. They suggested back to back months October and November. The COA would meet at the community room of one village each of those months.

Organize a Greenway Day when seniors could walk together and with non-seniors. C Dickerson and F Mara reported that plans are going well for the first Greenway Day to be Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 10:00am. The start and finish would be at the Greenway entry on Copper Hill Road. There will be wheelchairs available for any participants who could not walk far but want to share the experience and camaraderie. The pavilion at the start/finish will have Goodie Bags and a small bottle of water for participants to take when they have completed the walk to Rt 20 and back, or as much of that as they are able to walk. The Goodie Bags will contain protein bars and complimentary items which are being sought from area businesses. There is the possibility that persons who want to and are able to walk the entire distance to Rt 20 but not back can be shuttled back using the minibus. Efforts are being made to get or use a sandwich board to advertise the Day. It will also be publicized in the Senior Moments and Let's Talk Turkey.

Host another event like the clambake.

Y Lemieux reported that, although he had not approached them, he was hoping to be able to plan a wine tasting event at Brignole Winery which would not be expensive. He was assured by several present, who have planned or attended events at the Winery, that the booking alone would be very expensive. A discussion ensued about hosting a beer fest at one of the local breweries. Several were mentioned with the most positive and inexpensive and doable opportunity being the Back East Brewing Company in Bloomfield. Ideas for beer samplers and platters of food were offered. The event would be advertised in the Senior Moments and Let's Talk Turkey. The details will be pursued by the members in charge of this initiative.

Investigate grants for kitchen renovations.

Y Lemieux reported that several estimates had been acquired, and the project is expected to cost about \$25,000. K Jacobs stated that she had submitted a written request to the Women's Club for the \$1,300 cost to do the floor. Y Lemieux and R Galluccio will be working the request for grants to cover the costs.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

M E Tressy stated that a resident had passed away recently who bequeathed a sum of money to the COA. Since the COA has no treasury, she asked where that money went. K Jacobs stated that this person had driven the minibus, and thus the money was put towards that. She said that while there is no fee to ride, there are donations made by riders who are able to do so.

10. ADJOURN

M Sandora motioned and M E Tressy seconded adjourning the meeting. All were In favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
Clerk