

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

A meeting was held at the Community Room at Higley Village, on September 5, 2017. Chairman Richard Galluccio call the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Rose C. Egnat, Dolores Campbell, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, and Mary Ellen Tressy; students Kylie Geer, and Rachel Griffin; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; and members Corrine Dickerson, and Marie Sandora.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio opened the meeting by stating that the COA was meeting at Higley Village as part of its outreach to seniors initiative.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections made to the minutes of the meeting held on June 6, 2017. R Egnat motioned and M E Tressy seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs stated that the long awaited blinds for the big room at the Senior Community Center would be shipped within the next few days. A special promotion was offered and used to buy the blinds for the kitchen and offices. They will be shipped separately. The expectation is that all the new blinds will be up by October.

There are a number of trips and program for the coming months. Among them will be two new programs which will be created in collaboration with Granby. There is a new Director of Senior Services in Granby who approach K Jacobs about such collaborations as a means to create better links between senior neighbors.

There will be a new doctor doing the hearing clinics. An effort is being made to expand the number of clinics as they are very popular and the appointments fill to capacity quickly.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the summer went well, especially the back to school supplies program. The program collected enough donations to fill backpacks for 30 children.

The Electricity Assistance Program will end October 31, 2017. The Energy Assistance Program for heat, which includes electricity if it is a primary heat source, will begin October 1, 2017.

The Renters Rebate Program will end on October 1, 2017 and the checks are expected to be mailed in November, 2017.

Her fall hours will be changing to all day Monday, Tuesday morning, and Thursday morning with occasional afternoons.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

R Galluccio stated that First Selectman James Hayden is still anticipating that this program will be a part of the Town's new website, which has not yet been completed.

K Jacobs and E Cosker stated that the number of volunteers has dwindled to a few, who are being overused. A renewed effort to get volunteer samaritans is being made.

M E Tressy showed an add she saw in the paper for seniors called Nutmeg Senior Rides. E Cosker will check it out before the next meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

COA meet at Higley/Metacomet as an outreach.

R Galluccio stated this meeting satisfies the first part of that initiative. The second part will occur in November.

Organize Greenway Day when seniors can walk with others.

F Mara stated that the event is now fully planned including an article in Let's Talk Turkey. A sandwich board advertising the walk will go up in the Town center two weeks before the date. K Jacobs offered to print a flyer which could be strategically placed in Town Hall and other locations, including the high school by K Geer and R Griffin.

Have another event/party like the Clam Bake.

L Ziobro will report in the progress of this initiative next month.

Investigate grants for kitchen renovations.

Y Lemeiux stated that he contacted the Hartford Foundation and they showed enthusiasm for funding the project provided the Town match that funding to a larger degree. R Galluccio will approach J Hayden concerning matching and, if that is said to be feasible, a grant application will be made. R Galluccio also intends to find out if the project could be moved up from the five year plan to a one or two year plan.

Expand EG Seniors Place to include Senior Services activities.

K Jacobs stated that she sent her summer Senior Moments and Calendars to M Sandora for posting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Joe Doering introduced himself as a candidate for Selectman with J Hayden. He attended the meeting to find out about the COA and found it very interesting.

COA Clerk B Marsele who is also the Town's Assessment Clerk, stated that the town wide revaluation had begun and that inspectors would be going to every property to list the exterior and interior of every building. They have full identification badges and are known, including their marked vehicles, to the police for further identification.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

K Jacobs offers cudos to E Cosker on her first back to school program, which was such a success.

Y Lemeiux stated that the Hartford Foundation is open to any matched grant application concerning seniors. So he asked all present to be thinking of possibilities.

10. ADJOURN

M E Tressy motioned and D Campbell seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
Clerk

