

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES  
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

A meeting held at the Senior Community Center on October 3, 2017. Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; members Corrine Dickerson, Rose C. Egnat, Dolores Campbell, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, and Marie Sandora; students Kylie Geer and Rachel Griffin; and Director of Senior services Kelly Jacobs. Absent were Chairman Richard Galluccio; member Mary Ellen Tressy; and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections made to the minutes of the meeting held on September 5, 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 had the COA observe that the new window shades were up in the main room of the Senior Community Center. The installation of the shades for the offices and kitchen is in progress.

Programs for the next two months are planned and likely will be well attended. Among the programs are two in November which have been planned together with Granby Senior Services.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

L Ziobro read a submitted report from E Cosker. Applications are being taken for the Ct Energy Assistance Program starting October 1, 2017.

The Holiday Basket Program applications for Thanksgiving and Holiday Meal and gifts for children, in coordination with Friend to Friend, will be sent out to food pantry recipients and other low-income residents. Anyone who qualifies as such a person, or knows of such a person or family is encouraged to contact the Social Services Department.

E Cosker investigated a newspaper advertisement given to her at last month's meeting concerning Nutmeg Senior Rides. There is an annual membership and rides are charged based on mileage. She has a brochure with information should anyone want to know more.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

Nothing to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

COA meet at Metacomet/Higley as an outreach.

D Cambell commented that the COA hopes for better weather for the meeting in November at Metacomet than the bad weather the day of the Higley meeting, which reduced public attendance.

Organize Greenway Days when seniors can walk with others.

F Mara reported that the preparation for the September walk was all set; but rain caused the walk to be cancelled. Another walk will be planned for in the spring.

Have another event/party like the clambake.

L Ziobro reported that her investigation thus far to have a beer event at Back East Brewery in Bloomfield could take advantage of 6 glass samplings plus a free glass of their 16 beers for \$5. They also offer a \$5 tour, which is offered on Saturdays. Y Lemieux stated that he thought it might be better to have the event on a weekday as weekends are more crowded. L Ziobro further reported that space is not abundant, so the event would have to be limited to a sign-up number. She will ask the brewery when they thought would be the best day to have such an event and how many attendees could be accommodated, and will report next meeting.

Expand EG Seniors Place on Facebook to include Senior Services activities.

M Sandora reported that the calendars sent by K Jacobs to her for posting could not be posted for unknown reasons. She also suggested that the COA might want to reassess the continuation of the Facebook page as it has only 40 members in its year of existence.

7. NEW BUSINESS

R Galluccio sent documents to L Ziobro to be handed out: the 2018 calendar, and the Improvements List as of October 2017.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

B Marsele stated that the time for applying at the Assessor's Office for a high mileage vehicle will expire October 13, 2017; that anyone who has a business in t

Town, either from their home or otherwise, needs to file a Personal Property Declaration with the Assessor during the month of October; and any veteran who has not filed their discharge papers or VA Disability rating papers in the Town Hall should do so because of the possible assessment exemptions.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

F Mara stated that the programs ongoing at Old Newgate Prison are wonderful and well attended. She recommended them to all. The next big event will be Halloween fun on Friday and Saturday October 27 & 28, 2017.

K Jacobs reminded people to take all valuable items from their vehicles, or at least hide them from sight when parked at home, and then be sure to lock the vehicles. There have been some thefts around Town of items from unlocked vehicles.

10. ADJOURN

Y Lemieux motioned and C Dickerson seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
COA Clerk