

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2018**

A meeting held at the Senior Community Center on January 2, 2018. Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; members Dolores Campbell, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, Beth Galloway, and Cheryl McCann; students Kylie Geer, and Rachel Griffin; and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Corrine Dickerson, and Marie Sandora; alternate David Zavaleta; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs.

1. OPENING REMARKS

L Ziobro welcomed the two new members of the Commission, Beth Galloway and Cheryl McCann. She also welcomed the Board of Selectmen James Hayden, John Ziobro, and Joseph Doering to the meeting.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections made to the minutes of the meeting held on December 5, 2017. F Mara motioned and Y Lemieux seconded accepting the minutes as written. B Galloway and C McCann abstained as they were not members in December. The remainder were all in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs did not file a report; but she sent a reminder that whenever school is cancelled for snow storms, senior events are also cancelled.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the holiday gift and basket programs were very successful. Fifty children from thirty families received gifts from many sources; and Friend to Friend gathered items to assemble seventy food baskets for pickup and delivery to those less fortunate, matching the Thanksgiving basket numbers.

The State Medicare Savings Program will have new income guidelines, which are expected to be cut by half of what they had been. The State has postponed implementation of the new guidelines for a couple of months. In East Granby, there have been 60-80 participants in the program.

The thrift store will be closed for the winter.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

E Cosker stated that, in the past month, there have been twelve Samaritan matches for large and small projects. The program now has two new volunteers for friendly home visits, and five active project volunteers.

6. OLD BUSINESS

The new members were brought up to date about two of the 2017 initiatives which did not happen, but which are hoped to be pursued in the spring. They were the Have Another Event Like The Clambake and the Greenway Days walk.

7. NEW BUSINESS

First Selectman J Hayden gave a summary report about The State of the Town. The Town is doing very well, including weathering the financial problems which have trickled down from the State. There was a lengthy and vigorous question and answer period concerning the economic development for the Town--current, planned, and hoped for.

The Brainstorm Initiatives were postponed until the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Judy Root suggested that, as there is such a broad and effective spirit of volunteerism in the Town, as noted by everyone present in one way or another, J Hayden should find more ways to recognize them publicly either as groups or individuals.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

The commission thanked the Board of Selectmen for attending and especially J Hayden for taking the time to speak with them and answer their questions.

10. ADJOURN

F Mara motioned and B Galloway seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk

