

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

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

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that since this was the first meeting with all new members and alternates in attendance, everyone should introduce themselves.

He corrected the December minutes to say that the volunteers at the schools are seniors and not students.

He explained that alternates may participate in the meeting; but they cannot vote. The exception to that is if they fill in for an absent member, and they fill in by seniority. Thus, in the absence of member D Campbell, D Zavaleta would be able to vote at this meeting.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on January 2, 2018. F Mara motioned and B Galloway seconded accepting the minutes as written. M Sandora and Y Lemieux abstained. The remainder were all in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs stated that planned senior activities were ongoing and now included a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 2, 2018, which details would be in the Senior Moments newsletter.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker filed a report which R Galluccio read. She reported that new effective date for any Medicare Savings Program eligibility has been extended by the State to at least July 1, 2018.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

E Cosker's report included a correction to last month's minutes. The twelve Samaritan matches for large and small projects occurred over a twelve month span, and not one month. The program now has two new volunteers for friendly home visits, and five active project volunteers.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Have another event/party like the clambake.

R Galluccio initiated a full discussion of the possibilities for engaging in this initiative besides the Back East Brewery in Bloomfield. There were suggestions made to hold a larger event than the brewery could accommodate. Brignole Vineyards in East Granby and Lost Acres in Granby were suggested. R Galluccio asked L Ziobro, Y Lemieux, and K Jacobs, who had been investigating this initiative, to find out what each venue could offer and report back at next month's meeting.

Organize Greenway Days when seniors can walk with others.

R Galluccio asked if there is a firm spring date for this event. F Mara stated that June had been selected as the month, but which of the first two Saturdays had not been decided as potential conflicts with other events had not been determined. K Jacobs stated that a firm date at next month's meeting could be publicized in the June-August Senior Moments newsletter. A firm date will be selected next month.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The exploration of ideas for 2018 COA initiatives was brainstormed, with contributions from everyone present. These ideas will be revisited, and discussed at length, and pared down at next month's meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were none

10. ADJOURN

F Mara motioned and D Zavaleta seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
COA Clerk

