

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES  
MARCH 6, 2018**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on March 6, 2018. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; members Corrine Dickerson, Beth Galloway, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, Cheryl McCann, Marie Sandora, and David Zavaleta, alternate Judy Root; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were students Kylie Geer, and Rachel Griffin.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that Dolores Campbell has resigned. First alternate David Zavaleta is now a member.

R Galluccio summarized a meeting he had with First Selectman James Hayden by stating that the Good Samaritan program is still intended to be prominently featured on the town's revised website upon completion of that revision. Further, moving the kitchen remodeling up to a date sooner than the current long range plan is hoped for now that The Hartford Foundation has agreed to pay for 50% of the cost along with the town's 50%.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on February 6, 2018. Y Lemieux motioned and M Sandora 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 March hearing clinic was cancelled because of bad weather. The next one is scheduled for June. Enrollment in the clinics has slowed and, if this trend continues, fewer clinics will be offered in the future.

The Senior Moments newsletter is in households and includes future events both new and revisited for seniors to enjoy.

On April 6, there will be the annual school children's poetry reading at the Senior Community Center. K Jacobs encouraged people to attend and support these children. Also, for \$5, there will be a sandwich lunch and ice cream.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the Energy Fuel Assistance Program will be ended March 15. The exception to that is if a senior has electric heat and that part of the program

will continue through May. The Renters Rebate Program will begin taking applications in April.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

See Opening Remarks.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Have another event/party like the clambake

There was a discussion of the possibilities for this to happen including options at Lost Acres in Granby, Brignole Vineyards in East Granby, Way Back Spirits in Bloomfield, and Back East Brewery in Bloomfield. R Galluccio requested that the committee select a common cost for the purpose of comparing the possibilities at these venues for the purpose of recommending the best opportunity.

Organize Greenway Days when seniors can walk with others

K Jacobs stated that after reviewing the dates for various events scheduled to take place around the potential dates for the walk, she recommends Saturday, June 2 as a good date. F Mara and C Dickerson, who did the preparation work for last year's walk, said they would work on updating the flyers, arrange for the use of the town's sandwich message board, contact the local businesses which provided freebees last year, and work with K Jacobs towards providing water for participants.

Brainstorm 2018 Initiatives

The list of potential initiatives was reviewed, subtracted from, and added to. The final list is attached to these minutes. Everyone at the meeting selected the four initiatives which they would like to become the 2018 initiatives and handed those lists to R Galluccio. He will present the tally at next month's meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

R Galluccio presented an updated document for distribution as a flyer concerning help that seniors can provide to East Granby schools, and who to contact at each school. The document was reviewed. B Galloway motioned and F Mara seconded accepting the document as written. All were in favor and the motion passed. The document is attached to these minutes.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

F Mara recommended the upcoming events at Old Newgate Prison.

10. ADJOURN

D Zavaleta motioned and M Sandora seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Marsele

COA Clerk

## BRAINSTORM IDEAS FOR 2018 INITIATIVES

- 1—Add public flower gardens to both Metacomet and Higley Villages
- 2—Investigate AARP program for Age Friendly Community for possible implementation
- 3—Create a community vegetable garden
- 4—Develop new ways to publicize Good Samaritan Program
- 5—Have meetings with regional COAs
- 6—Create a volunteer student registry for Good Samaritan with guaranteed minimum credit hours
- 7—Create a call to action to get more seniors involved in EG senior life/activities/programs
- 8—Start a door to door outreach at Metacomet and Higley Villages
- 9—Continue to have COA meetings at Metacomet and Higley Villages
- 10—Revisit discount list on COA website
- 11—Create a collaboration with RGH and the Youth Action Council
- 12—Have a workshop about Medicare/Medicaid/senior insurance
- 13—Have a social to get to know each other . E.G.(BBQ at Metacomet and Higley Villages)
- 14—Have a senior information booth at events
- 15—Invite seniors to share their stories at the high school Career Day
- 16—Create more senior computer training opportunities
- 17—Create a Senior Wellness Fair
- 18—Create a Senior Job Bank
- 19—Have a community meal
- 20—Have speakers sponsored by COA
- 21—Determine cost to replace carpet in Senior/Community Center
- 22—Send birthday cards to seniors including COA objectives and a wish list opportunity for the senior
- 23—Contact area doctors and request that they hand out a card or brochure to their senior patients which lists senior services and a contact person for senior assistance

