

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
MAY 1, 2018**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on May 1, 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, Felice Mara, Cheryl McCann, Marie Sandora, and Judy Root; alternate Ellen Griffing; student Kylie Geer; and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were members Beth Galloway, and David Zavaleta; student Rachel Griffin; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that in the absence of members, Ellen Griffing would be a voting member for the meeting.

He announced that since personal obligations would keep her from next month's meeting, and then she would be graduating, this would be K Geer's last COA meeting. He thanked her on behalf of the COA for her time and effort and exemplary service.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on April 3, 2018. C Dickerson motioned and F Mara seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

E Cosker read an email from K Jacobs. In May, the Travelers Chorale is full, the Yard Goats game is full, and the Bunco Lunch will be held as planned on May 4. The June-August Senior Newsletter is in process.

She is assisting the committee with the Student Registry Initiative.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the Energy Assistance Program is over.

She was approached by Anthem for an opportunity to present information on programs which are available to persons who are on Medicare. She suggested that they be considered as a potential participant in any senior wellness fair.

She is working with Friend to Friend to have the mini-bus give rides to and from the Food Pantry.

The Ct. Legislature is scheduled in July to revisit funding the Medicare Savings Program.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

R Galluccio stated that he is still assured by First Selectman Jim Hayden that this program will have a banner heading on the Town's updated website.

6. OLD BUSINESS

The 2018 Initiative committees reported about their work thus far.

- Have another event/party like the clambake.
C Dickerson stated that she had occasion to discuss this initiative with the owner of the Copper Hill Country Club. The owner offered to set up a private room overlooking the fairway, plus a good deal on wine and food. This opportunity was very well received by those present; and having an event there is now a plan for the fall. C Dickerson and L Ziobro will iron out the details and work with K Jacobs about Senior Moments newsletter publicity.
- Organize Greenway Day when seniors can walk with others.
F Mara stated that the walk is all set for June 2, 2018. She and K Jacobs are working on the final wording of the flyer and other publicity.
- Create a senior wellness fair.
C McCann stated that much progress has been made towards having a fair. She and B Galloway have a variety of contacts who are either providing information about potential participants, or could actually be participants. They spoke to K Jacobs about having the fair in conjunction with the Flu Clinic on October 15, 2018. They will continue working on participant selection, and then contact to K Jacobs again about publicity.
- Have meetings with regional COA's
J Root stated that the committee selected 6 neighboring towns. Each person was assigned two towns to investigate concerning the initiative. She had Bloomfield and Simsbury and was able to speak to the COA chairman from each town, and both were enthusiastic about meeting with other COA's either in total or in small groups. E Griffing was assigned Windsor and Windsor Locks. She stated that she was able to find information about their COA offerings and projects, but had not yet spoken to the chairman of either town's COA. D Zavaleta was assigned Granby and Suffield and did not send a report in his absence.
- Create a volunteer Student Registry
K Geer stated that the committee is discussing various ideas and need to get more answers to their questions before a report can be made to the COA.

- Have a social get together at Higley/Metacomet
C Dickerson contacted persons at each village who would be helpful to any meet and greet and eat social event. The event would need to be held at only one village and Metacomet is the better choice as it is bigger. The village manager still needs to be met with to gather her ideas about such an event. Then more specifics can be discussed and brought to the COA.
- Have a senior information booth at events.
The committee had no report ready.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were good wishes and thank you sentiments offered to K Geer for her work with the COA. She, in turn, thanked the COA for the opportunity to serve.

10. ADJOURN

C McMann 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