

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on September 4, 2018. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Corrine Dickerson, Beth Galloway, Felice Mara, Cheryl McCann, David Zavaleta, and Judy Root; students Rachel Griffin and Sean Griffin; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; member Marie Sandora; alternate Ellen Griffing.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio introduced and welcomed Sean Griffin as a new student representative to the COA. He stated that in June he had sent a letter thanking Kylie Geer for her student service to the COA.

He stated that the Town website now has a link on the first page to information about the Good Samaritan Program.

He acknowledged seeing no other members of the COA at the annual Clam Bake, which is the biggest senior event of the year. He encouraged members to attend this and other senior events as a show of support for them.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on June 5, 2018. B Galloway motioned and D Zavaleta 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 coming months boast an ambitious variety of events and trips for seniors including a sunset cruise 9/16/18, The Big E 9/21/18, a play at the Bushnell 9/29/18, Medicare benefit checkups 9/27/18 and 10/25/18, the Flu Clinic 10/15/18, AARP driver safety 11/8/18, and the Holiday Party 12/7/18, which will be at 4:30pm, a later than usual time.

She also reported that the annual Clambake was its usual success with more than 90 attendees. She acknowledged the first time participation by La Dolce Mama which donated beautiful professionally decorated cupcakes from their bakery, as well as a decorated display table.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the annual Backpack Program for returning school children of need provided backpacks and supplies for 34 children.

The Renters Rebate Program is ending this month and she is preparing for the Fuel Assistance Program to start.

She also acknowledged that the Community Dinner was a huge success.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

R Galluccio reminded the COA again that there is now a link to information about this program on the first page of the Town website.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Have another event/party like the clambake.

There was no report.

Create a Senior Wellness Fair.

C McCann and B Galloway reported that the invitations to potential exhibitors are ready to be sent out and the publicity flyers are all set as well.

There will be a raffle and the invitations will tell exhibitors they may offer something to be raffled.

Have meetings with regional COA's.

D Zavaletta and J Root reported that there is still great interest by the regional COA's to proceed with this initiative; and the goal is to have a tentative date to offer at next month's meeting.

Create a volunteer student registry.

R Griffin reported that there will be an East Granby Cares Day 10/27/18 (rain date 10/28/18). It will function like the Good Samaritan Program except the helper volunteers will all be high school students who will receive credit towards their community service requirements. There are sign-up sheets posted at the high school for students to become registry volunteers.

Have a social get together at Higley/Metacomet.

C Dickerson reported that the thinking about this event is now being directed towards exploring a different food opportunity instead of a BBQ...like a taste of New England or something like that. R Galluccio requested that there be a report made at next month's meeting as to the cost of such an event as well as how that cost would be paid.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The Granby Ambulance Association requested the opportunity to speak to the COA. Paul Oliva thanked the COA and introduced Kate Coupe, EMS. She spoke about the desire for the Association to work together in any way the COA determined would be helpful to seniors...programs, teaching, outreach, etc. She informed the COA about the "Stop The Bleed" campaign which is designed to put life-saving skills and equipment directly into the hands of civilians during a man-made or natural disaster.

R Galluccio stated that he sent the 2018 Improvements List as an attachment to the agenda. He requested that the COA review the list for discussion at next month's meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bobby Marsele encouraged honorably discharged military veterans and those in active duty to contact the Assessor's Office concerning their assessment exemption opportunities.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

J Root asked K Coupe if she was aware of seniors who have isolation issues or who were needy. K Coupe stated that if she had such knowledge, she would not have legal authority to reveal that data. She said she could leave a flyer concerning help with such a person. R Galluccio stated that E Cosker knows of such persons and is the best person to pursue assistance while preserving the person's privacy.

Thank you was offered to the Granby Ambulance Association for attending the meeting and sharing information.

10. ADJOURN

D Zavaleta motioned and F Mara seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk

