

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES  
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on October 2, 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, Felice Mara, Cheryl McCann, Marie Sandora, and David Zavaleta; students Rachel Griffin and Sean Griffin; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent was member Judy Root.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio announced the resignation of alternate Ellen Griffing.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on September 4, 2018. F Mara motioned and B Galloway seconded accepting the minutes as written. M Sandora and L Ziobro abstained. The remaining members were all in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs reported that planned fall programs are ongoing. They include the Flu Clinic on October 15, 2018, which will be part of the Health Fair, and a Witches in Connecticut luncheon on October 26, 2018.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker reported that the Energy Assistance Program began October 1, 2018. She stated that the work is beginning and will be continuing on the Holiday Baskets for those less fortunate. It was very successful last year and she anticipates the same this year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

R Galluccio introduced Elliot Aldomare, who is a co-lead of the Kearns Regional Community Center project. Mr. Aldomare gave a presentation about the project which is planning to remodel the Frank M. Kearns Primary School building in Granby into a shared space Community Center. The building is currently not being used. East Granby is among the towns whose residents would benefit from this shared space concept. A wide variety of programs are being conceptualized;

but, at this time, the focus is not on the programs but rather on creating the space required for them. The eventual plan for programs is that they compliment and not compete with town programs. He spoke about funding, none of which would come from any town, and the effort towards becoming self-sustaining.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

Have another event/party like the clambake.

L Ziobro stated that while a variety of possibilities have emerged during the past year, none became a favorite that could be done now that cold weather is fast approaching. R Galluccio tabled this until warmer weather returns.

Create a senior wellness fair.

C McMann and B Galloway stated that the fair is ready to go for October 15, 2018 from 3:30 to 5:30 alongside the Flu Clinic. They expect to have 16 or 17 participants.

Have meetings with regional COA's.

D Zavaleta stated that he and J Root decided to limit the number of towns to Granby, Simsbury, Suffield, and Bloomfield. He hoped to have a meeting scheduled soon for two delegates per town to meet in East Granby. Whether the two delegates will be accompanied by their chairman has not been decided. The agenda of the first meeting is to discuss the group's mission and create a format for future meetings.

Create a volunteer student registry.

R Griffin stated that the original concept of the registry is currently on the back burner until after East Granby Cares Day which is October 27, 2018. There is a list of student volunteers forming for Cares Day, and K Jacobs stated that she and E Cosker are forming a list of persons with needed tasks for those students to do.

Have a social get together at Higley/Metacomet.

R Galluccio stated that this will be tabled until the next brainstorming in February.

Improvements list.

R Galluccio stated that this is a list of capital improvements which the COA has recommended to the Board of Selectmen to be good for the town's seniors. It is divided into two parts: need to be done, and wish to be done. The need to be done on the current list have been vetted by the BOS and they, in coordination with the Board of Finance, have determined funding within a flexible five year plan. A new five year plan for capital improvements will be released soon. R Galluccio stated that he would contact First Selectman James Hayden before the next COA meeting about getting a copy of the new five year plan. The wish to do list was discussed and one item was removed. R Galluccio will provide an updated list for the next COA meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

R Galluccio handed out a calendar of potential COA meeting dates for 2019. The dates are all on the first Tuesday of each month except January. Because the first Tuesday is New Year's Day, he selected the second Tuesday to be the meeting day for January.

D Zavaleta motioned and M Sandora seconded accepting the 2019 calendar dates for meetings as presented. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

K Jacobs expressed thanks to R Griffin and S Griffin for their work on the East Granby Cares Day project. They provided a vital link for students to become part of the Day.

She also expressed thanks to C McMann and B Galloway for their work on the Health Fair. Their efforts will fortify the Flu Clinic with a great variety of participants, and give attendees an informative and interesting experience.

10. ADJOURN

C McMann motioned and C Dickerson seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
COA Clerk