

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

A meeting was held at the large meeting room in the East Granby Town Hall on November 6, 2018. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:38pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; members Beth Galloway, Cheryl McCann, Marie Sandora, and Judy Root; alternate Brian Cosker; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and student Sean Griffin. Absent were members Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, and David Zavaleta; Director of Social Services Elise Cosker; and student Rachel Griffin.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio welcomed Brian Cosker as a new alternate.

He thanked C McCann and B Galloway for their work on the Senior Showcase, which was a successful initiative.

He stated that he met with a representative of the Hartford Foundation along with K Jacobs and First Selectman James Hayden. They toured the kitchen at the Senior Community Center to discuss the needed renovations. He expects to hear from the Foundation soon about their decision to fund half of the renovation cost, currently estimated at \$30,000.

2. MINUTES

There were several names misspelled in the minutes of the meeting held on October 2, 2018, as noted by R Galluccio. L Ziobro motioned and B Galloway seconded accepting the minutes as written and with the spelling corrections. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs reported that the North Central Area Agency on Aging's Benefit Enrollment Center was at the Community Center in October to assist seniors with their Medicare enrollment procedures and questions. It was well attended and she expects to have them come again during the next enrollment period.

East Granby Cares Day was rained out. However she and S Griffin stated that the students participating were working on the assistance requests which were to have been done that day, and hoped to be finished by November 12.

The Senior Newsletter is nearly complete and is expected to be in people's homes by Thanksgiving.

She stated the reminder that this year's Senior Holiday Party will be an early dinner and not a luncheon.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

There was no report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Senior Showcase

C McCann gave a review of how the event proceeded and could be improved upon the next time. In general, she indicated that it went smoothly and successfully; but hindsight has presented various aspects which could be done better or differently. B Cosker, who was a vendor at the event, stated that he thought it went well and he would certainly want to be a vendor at the next one. C McCann stated that she received that response from many of the vendors. R Galluccio was asked to submit an article to Let's Talk Turkey to summarize the event for those who were there, as well as to encourage others to attend the next one.

Have meetings with regional COA's

J Root reported that she and D Zavaleta were encountering some difficulty scheduling a meeting with the Towns which want to participate. As it is not a case of lack of interest, but rather one of a date when all the Towns could attend, it is likely that a meeting will be easier to schedule after the holidays.

Create a volunteer student registry

R Galluccio stated that East Granby Cares Day has been the current student priority and the registry will be revisited after the holidays.

Improvements list

R Galluccio presented an updated Senior Center Improvements List for 2019. He reviewed each line item concerning its estimated cost and timing within the five year plan. B Galloway motioned and L Ziobro seconded approving the list and offering it to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration. All were in favor and the motion passed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

R Galluccio stated that November is when a slate of officers for the next year is selected. He indicated that he would be happy to continue to serve as Chairman unless any other member wanted to take his place. L Ziobro stated that between currently serving on the Board of Education and the demands of her personal life, she would no longer be able to serve as Vice Chair. C McCann stated that she would serve in that position if none of the more senior members, who were absent from the meeting, did not want to do so. R Galluccio stated that he would contact them and, should they not want the position, the slate of himself as Chairman and C McCann as Vice Chair would be voted on next month.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

8. COMMENTS FROM COA

B Cosker stated that the NCAAA, which had held the Medicare Benefit Checkup in October, as reported by K Jacobs, has opportunities for seniors to get their personal medical products at good prices. R Galluccio requested that B Cosker send him a brief article about the opportunities for him to put into Let's Talk Turkey.

9. ADJOURN

L Ziobro motioned and M Sandora seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk