

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES  
December 4, 2018**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on December 4, 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, Cheryl McCann, Marie Sandora, and Judy Root; students Rachel Griffin and Sean Griffin; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were member Felice Mara, and alternate Brian Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio reported that David Zavaleta has resigned as a member. He introduced Jennifer DeCoteau as an observer for the meeting, who is thinking of becoming an alternate on the COA. He spoke to the television audience saying that there are still several alternate positions open and he welcomed being contacted by any interested resident.

He announced that at January's meeting, First Selectman James Hayden, possibly accompanied by other East Granby selectmen, would be updating the COA about the state of the town. At February's meeting, Margaret Hale from Nutmeg Senior Rides will be giving a presentation as she requested.

2. MINUTES

L Ziobro requested a clarifying change to the minutes of the meeting held on November 6, 2018. The change would be in the New Business paragraph such that the phrase "and the demands of her personal life" be changed to "and the other demands on her time." L Ziobro motioned and M Sandora seconded accepting the minutes as changed. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs reported that East Granby Cares Day was a success. R Griffin and S Griffin coordinated the students who were the helpers and everyone who requested help received it. K Jacobs stated that there has been a lot of very positive feedback about the Cares Project.

The winter calendar is filled with many events and trips, which are either full or filling in. The Senior Holiday Dinner on December 7 is expecting 40-42 diners, which is down from last year. K Jacobs stated that this might be in some part due to the meal being a dinner instead of the usual luncheon. However, she knows of 15-20 persons who would likely have attended were it not for health issues they are currently having.

#### 4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker reported that the winter programs are in full progress. Operation Fuel and the Energy Assistance Program are being used by those who need them. The senior mini-bus as transportation to and from the food pantry on Wednesdays has been a good and used opportunity for those who could not otherwise get there. The Holiday Program is coming together with contributions at the Town Hall of hats and mittens for 48 children plus seniors, books from the library, and food baskets from Friend to Friend.

#### 5. GOOD SAMARITAN

E Cosker reported that there currently remains a lack of volunteers. It has not been an immediate problem because East Granby Cares Day helped all those who had been seeking help. It is future requests that may be in jeopardy. R Galluccio stated that he would submit an article about the need for volunteers to Let's Talk Turkey and social media.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

Have meetings with regional COAs

R Galluccio stated that the resignation of D Zavaleta has left J Root alone to pursue this initiative. M Sandora volunteered to take his place, and they both agreed that the initiative would be better pursued after the holidays.

Create a volunteer student registry

R Griffin and S Griffin reported that they have a list of students on stand-by for any call for help they get from K Jacobs or E Cosker.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

R Galluccio presented the 2019 slate of candidates for the COA offices:

Chairman: R Galluccio

Vice Chair: C McCann

C Dickerson motioned and L Ziobro seconded electing the slate of candidates as presented. All were in favor and the motion passed.

R Galluccio stated that F Mara and C Dickerson are due for reappointment. He will send a reappointment request to J Hayden to present at the next Selectman's meeting December 12, 2018. He will add B Cosker's name to the list to become a member in place of D Zavaleta. All appointments will be sworn in at the Town Hall after December 12, 2018 but before the January COA meeting.

R Galluccio stated that he knows of a luncheon at another town which is held to honor residents 90 years and older. He thought that would be a good thing for the

COA to sponsor in coordination with K Jacobs. He suggested that it could honor residents 85 years and older. The idea was well received by everyone and it will be pursued in the spring.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

B Marsele wished everyone a safe and joyful holiday season.  
J DeCoteau stated that she enjoyed the meeting and would like to become an alternate. R Galluccio will add her name to the list to J Hayden as such.

8. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were good wishes for the holiday season all around.

9. ADJOURN

C Dickerson motioned and C McCann seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
COA Clerk