

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on February 5, 2019. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Lucia Ziobro, Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, Judy Root, and Jennifer DeCoteau; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs. Absent were Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; member Beth Galloway; alternate Brian Cosker; students Rachel Griffin, and Sean Griffin; and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that he had been contacted by a person interested in possibly becoming an alternate to the COA, and that this person intends to be at next month's meeting.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on January 8, 2019. F Mara made a motion and J Root seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs reported that the Senior Moments Newsletter for March, April, and May was nearly complete for mailing.
The probate presentation by Judge David Baram was very well attended.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

There was none.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

There was none.

6. NEW BUSINESS

R Galluccio introduced Margaret Hale from Nutmeg Senior Rides Service, and one of their drivers Dale Richter. They had requested an opportunity to speak to the COA. M Hale gave a presentation about the service, founded in 2006, which

uses primarily volunteer drivers to give seniors rides to and from any destination within their regional coverage area. East Granby seniors may use this service. It has a nominal annual membership fee and a flat rate charge per ride. Drivers use their own vehicles and are compensated for their mileage. D Richter spoke of his time as a volunteer driver on days and times and destinations of his choosing each week; and that he has enjoyed the experience.

Paul Oliva of the Granby Ambulance Association gave an update concerning the Stop the Bleed Program. Upcoming classes are free and will be held at the East Granby Ambulance building 2/19/19, 3/4/19, and 3/19/19 at 7 pm. Call the Association to make a reservation. He also reported that all the kits for the schools and public buildings have arrived and are being stored temporarily until workers in those buildings can attend training for their use.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Have meetings with regional COAs

J Root and M Sandora reported that they are meeting with each other to share information and are proceeding to contact the other COAs who showed an interest last year in such group meetings. They expect to have a more comprehensive report next month.

Create a volunteer student registry

R Galluccio stated that he is awaiting a written report from R Griffin and S Griffin about how the current student volunteer system works.

Senior celebration

K Jacob's investigation revealed that there are currently 13 seniors 95 or older, 36 seniors 90 or older, and 110 seniors 85 and older. She and R Galluccio decided that the first celebration meal needs to be for a manageable number of people. Since it is hoped to be provided for free to invited guests including the accompanied seniors as well as dignitaries and members of the COA, the middle group of 36 will be the ones celebrated. K Jacobs has put a request for funding the celebration into her future budget.

8. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

2019 Initiatives

R Galluccio stated that he wanted to streamline the process of selecting initiatives for the coming year. He reviewed meetings from last year to find initiatives which had been successful and were desired to be pursued again; and conversation topics which were shown to be of enough common interest to warrant being pursued as new initiatives. Attached is the list which he presented. It was well received and will be explored in greater depth, including naming action committees, next month.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

10. COMMENTS FROM COA

F Mara expressed pleasure in being back at meetings after a personal absence; and she was welcomed back by all present.

11. ADJOURN

C Dickerson made a motion and M Sandora seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk

COA INITIATIVES FOR 2019

1. Senior Showcase
2. Senior Celebration
3. Have Meetings with Regional COAs
4. Redo Discounts List
5. Greenway Day
6. East Granby Cares
7. Kitchen Renovation
8. Increase Participation in Good Samaritan Program