

# Commission on Aging

East Granby, CT

## *Minutes*

October 1, 2024

East Granby Community Center / 6:30 p.m.

### *In attendance:*

Cheryl Bermani-McCann, Chairwoman  
Cathy Delasco, Vice Chairwoman  
Marie Sandora  
John Kiang  
Warren Miltimore  
Mattia Brody  
Tom Ferdman, Alternate  
Eden Wimpfheimer, Alternate  
Donna Mattera, Clerk

Maya Betts  
Danny Jacius  
Kelly Jacobs, Senior Services  
Elise Cosker, Social Services  
Lee Galluccio, Guest  
Felice Mara, Guest  
Suzanne Soucy, Guest

The regular meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Chairwoman Cheryl Bermani-McCann at 6:41 p.m.

1. **Opening Remark** - Chairwoman Cheryl Bermani-McCann thanked everyone for attending the dedication ceremony for Bea Adams. A generous donation was made towards the ceremony. Cheryl will reach out to extend a thank you. The committee complimented Cheryl for a nice dedication. Cheryl extended a thank you to Eden for all her hard work in making everything happen. The ceremony was a success and well attended! She welcomed our new student representative, Danny Jacius. Danny enjoys being involved with the town and is part of the civic class that will be participating in Cares Day. She also welcomed some of our guests. Suzanne Soucy was in attendance and was a former member of the COA. Felice Mara who also was a former member and shared she would like to participate when she is able. Lee Galluccio was present and shared she likes to keep up on events. Cheryl informed the group that Corrine Dickerson has decided not to return. Cheryl publicly thanked her as she was invaluable for her hard work and help in making the Wellness Fair run smooth. Lee Galluccio stated she would be willing to be an alternate. Tom Ferdman accepted to move to be a regular member. Cheryl went over everyone's political affiliation and Eden will confirm with the clerk's office.

2. **Minutes of Past Meeting - MOTION:** A motion was made by Cathy Delasco, seconded by John Kiang, to accept the May 7<sup>th</sup> and the September 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes as presented. *Marie Sandora abstained.*  
**Motion passed.**

3. **Senior Services Update** - Kelly Jacobs shared she was approached by the advisor of the Future Business Leaders of America for thoughts of how the students could help. After discussion, the committee was leaning towards an event in the spring. Kelly reported all the upcoming trips are full and there are waitlists. She is happy to note the program attendance is back to pre-Covid participation which is nice to see.

4. **Social Services Update** - Elise Cosker reported the energy assistance program that runs until the end of May is underway and they are setting up appointments. The holiday program this year is serving 35 children. Donor registration is on-line this year and donations are down. If anyone knows of someone who would like to adopt a family they can contact Elise. Our Emergency Assistance program is down as well. There are more needs within our community so any donations would help. She asked for people to spread the word.

5. **Good Samaritan Program** – Elise Cosker reported she sent out an application for an individual that was interested in helping. There were no requests for needs at this time.

6. **Old Business**

**Review COA Website Information** – Marie Sandora reported the website looks good with only a couple little ends to tie up. Cheryl noted she finished last year's Wellness Fair PowerPoint and it is uploaded on the website.

### **2024 Initiatives**

**1) Technical lessons on phone/pc** – Cathy reported the library will be opening up one hour early at 9:00 a.m. on November 1<sup>st</sup> for the lessons. There are nine students who have signed up to help and they are opening up 10 slots for residents. They will adjust the numbers and increase the slots if more students sign up to help.

**2) Free Atty Elder Law Program** – On hold.

**Senior Reading Program** – Flyers will be displayed at the Wellness Fair. The schools are in need of lunch helpers. Cathy reported at the Farmers Market a couple people took pictures of the flyer and is hopeful they will volunteer.

**Rich Galluccio's Sunshine Fund** - Requests are made to Kelly Jacobs and Elise Cosker who work with Lee. Cheryl noted she would like to submit a request.

**Lee Galluccio's Donation of Hydrangea in Rich's Name** – Eden reported the transfer of the hydrangeas would most likely take place this week or next. She will be working with DPW to find the best location.

**Wellness Fair – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-6:30 p.m.** Cheryl passed around the sign-up sheet. Advertising is key to a successful fair. Warren noted he went to numerous towns to post the flyers in their senior centers. Other members put signs up in various places and towns as well. Cheryl asked for people to continue to put them up and spread the word.

**Giveaways** – The giveaway ~ "Things To Do" magnetic pads came in and committee members were welcome to take one. The cost was \$1.29 each. The committee thanked Cheryl for ordering the pads. There are still dollars left for the gift cards, water bottles and cookies that need to be purchased. If anyone can help, Cheryl would appreciate it.

**Duties List Review** – Committee members noted on the sign-up sheet where they could help.

**Review of Vendors** – Cheryl passed around a list of the vendors, there are 27 total.

### **7. New Business -**

**East Granby Farmers Market Booth** – Cathy and Warren reported it was time well spent. Suzanne Soucy is here tonight and interested in re-joining the group after speaking with Cathy at the market.

**Dedication of Pavilion (Bea Adams)** – Discussion took place under Opening Remarks.

**Tech Time With Teens** – Discussion took place under 2024 Initiatives.

**Cares Day** – 10 Residents have signed up and the students reported there are approximately 30 students participating this year. Maya and Danny will work with Kelly and Elise to coordinate the event.

**8. Comments from the Public** - Suzanne Soucy noted it was a lovely group and is happy to join. Lee Galluccio said all was running smooth and would be happy to join. Felice Mara noted she can help when available.

**9. Comments from COA** – Members welcomed all our guests, well wishes for a happy fall and compliments on tonight's dedication ceremony were amongst the comments for the meeting.

**10. Adjournment - MOTION:** a motion was made by Cathy Delasco, seconded by John Kiang to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mattera, Clerk