

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES  
JUNE 7, 2016**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on June 7, 2016. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; Members Corrine Dickerson, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, and Marie Sandora; Alternate Delores Campbell; and Students Paige Derlinga, and Kylie Geer. Absent were Members Zettie F. Shookas, Barbara Skinner, and Mary Ellen Tressy; Alternate Rose C. Egnat; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Alicia Van Neil.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R. Galluccio opened the meeting by addressing last month's comments concerning the unattractive appearance of the post office. He reported that Town records indicate the property is owned by the US Postal Service, which cannot be compelled to improve said appearance of its building and grounds. Therefore, absent a volunteer effort to clean it up, it will likely remain as it is.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections offered concerning the minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2016. C. Dickerson motioned and Y. Lemieux seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

The report by K. Jacobs was given by R. Galluccio. Thursday, June 9, 2016, there will be a free lunch provided by October Kitchen. The topic will be about proper nourishment as we age. The clam bake is scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2016. The poetry café was a success, with 13 students from EG Middle School reading their poems and dining with the audience. Many wonderful trips are planned for this summer, as well as traditional lunch bunches.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

There was nothing new for R. Galluccio to report on behalf of A. Van Neil. However, she wanted him to note that the Renter's Rebate is ongoing.

## 5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

R. Galluccio stated that there was nothing new to report. He remains hopeful that the inclusion of the program on the front page of the Town website, when its updating is complete, will breathe new life into the program. He is also hopeful that more people, including COA persons, would add East Granby Seniors Place to their “likes and follows” on face book.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

Ice Cream Social—F. Mara reported that her research revealed the need for more than just how to acquire ice cream via purchase or donation. A budget would be needed for the toppings, dishes/utensils, decorations if desired, and music. There would have to be available volunteer servers. There would need to be a place to store the ice cream etc. A discussion ensued concerning various relevant topics like whether the event should be only social or also a fundraiser, whether it should be offered to all residents or only seniors, and from whom donations could be sought. F. Mara indicated that there would be an ice cream social in Granby in July, which she will attend. Others said they would also attend to get a feel for it.

Welcome Wagon—C. Dickerson reported that the struggle continues concerning how such a program could determine who is new in town and a senior. M. Sandora commented that there used to be a welcome booklet available to new residents through realtors etc which was paid for by advertisers. C. Dickerson replied that her research indicated that the cost for a brochure, including printing and layout, could be up to \$600 or more. It was thought that the layout could be done by a volunteer to cut the cost; and that if the Ice Cream Social were a fundraiser, some of that money could be used for the brochure.

Expanding Volunteer Drivers—C. Dickerson recommended tabling this initiative until such time as a need for it could be determined.

Investigate Grants—R. Galluccio reported that First Selectman James Hayden indicated to him that the Board of Selectmen would not be able to effectively address this initiative until after the summer. J. Hayden indicated that the Senior Community Center handicapped accessible bathroom doors could possibly be paid for by the Town; but the remainder of the improvements to the bathrooms, as well as the upgrading of the kitchen, would require a planned capital expenditure in the future. R. Galluccio stated he will talk to K. Jacobs about submitting such a capital expenditure request in the fall. R. Galluccio also reported that K. Jacobs is assembling prices from various sources for blinds for the Senior Community Center.

Better Opportunities For Community Service By High School Students—R. Galluccio pushed this topic forward to New Business.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Community Service Activities—Last meeting, R. Galluccio requested that everyone make a list of senior needs that could be met by volunteer students. A robust discussion ensued, and a list was assembled which is attached hereto. This list will be revisited in the fall when school resumes, and COA Students can address how best to let high school students know that such volunteer opportunities exist. At that time, the COA will need to determine how to find seniors who have these needs so they can be matched with the student volunteers.

COA Calendar July/August—After a brief discussion, C. Dickerson motioned and L. Ziobro seconded taking these two months off and meeting again in September. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

Each person present conveyed their heartfelt thank you and best wishes to P. Derlinga, who is graduating and moving forward with her life after serving as a COA Student. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity.

10. ADJOURN

F. Mara motioned and C. Dickerson seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
Clerk

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Share computer/cell know-how**

**Mow lawn**

**Weed**

**Plant Flowers/transplant indoor plants**

**Edge flower beds/sidewalks**

**Clean snow off car**

**Shovel snow**

**Dog walk**

**Feed pets**

**Read to person**

**Play cards/jigsaw puzzles--esp. shut-ins**

**Clean house**

**Light painting—no tall ladders**

**Rake leaves**

**Organize closets/pantry or cabinets/garage**

**Take walks together**

**Bake cookies**

