EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON AGING

MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2016

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on October 4, 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, Rose C. Egnat, Yvon P. Lemieux, and Barbara Skinner; alternate Dolores Campbell; Students Kylie Geer, and Rachel Griffin; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Alicia Van Neil. Absent were members Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, and Mary Ellen Tressy.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio introduced and welcomed the new Student representative to the COA, Rachel Griffin, a sophomore at East Granby High School, and lifelong resident of the town.

He then informed the Commission that, as suggested at September's meeting by A Van Neil, he contacted the principals of both Seymour and Allgrove schools for lists of high school student volunteer needs. They each sent him one, which he will share at the next meeting.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections offered concerning the minutes of the meeting held on September 6, 2016. D Campbell motioned and C Dickerson 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 pricing for the kitchen remodel at the Senior Community Center was in process. Floor estimates have been received; and ceiling and cabinet estimates are expected shortly. Once these costs have been determined, the project can move into the five year capital expense plan. R Galluccio added that the potential for a grant could be pursued at that time as well. K Jacobs further reported that, while in the planning stage, there is no current time frame for the installation of handicapped doors to the rest rooms in the Center.

K Jacobs stated that the Essex train trip is full. The Thanksgiving luncheon, which is free for veterans, is filling slowly. However, it is still early and she hopes reservations will be coming in more quickly as fall unfolds.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

AVan Neil reported that the State renters rebate program is over. There were the same number of applicants as last time, and they are still expected to receive reduced amounts from previous years due to State cutbacks.

The Energy Assistance program has begun and she stated that any persons, not just seniors, in such need should be directed to contact her.

The annual Empty bowls event is planned for October 15, 2016.

As she will be unable to attend next month's meeting, A Van Neil made an early request concerning the Thanksgiving Baskets, which are donated to individuals and families in need to provide a holiday meal. She or K Jacobs can be contacted by such persons, or by anyone who knows of such persons, so there can be an outreach to the isolated and the needy at any time of year...but especially at holiday time.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

K Geer posted a list of possible volunteer opportunities for high school students in the high school commons and is accumulating responses from potential volunteers. A Van Neil and K Jacobs stated that such volunteers contact information can be passed to either of them so that, as the need for volunteers arises, they will have students to contact to address that need; or K Geer and R Griffin can keep the list of potential volunteers and be ready to match such volunteers to a need when contacted by either A Van Neil or K Jacobs.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Welcome Wagon—C Dickerson stated that she, A Van Neil, and K Geer, who were charged with assessing the viability of a Town informational brochure, all agreed that the project could be done. They recommended that it be made available at certain Town Hall offices in addition to other handout opportunities. They further recommended that an informational visit and handout be made to both Higley Village and Metacomet Homes.

7. NEW BUSINESS

R Galluccio handed out a meeting calendar for 2017. Y Lemieux motioned and R Egnat seconded accepting the calendar. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

B Marsele offered information concerning the potential tax assessment reduction for a motor vehicle due to high mileage, and the program for the free removal of junk cars from private property at the owner's request. Both are taking place during October,nd more information about either can be gotten from the Assessor's Office.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There was a general welcome to the COA to R Griffin and a thank you, good to be here, intend to have a positive input from her.

A Van Neil, as a member of the Emergency Assistance Committee, stated that volunteers of all kinds for town wide emergency circumstances are always being sought.

10. ADJOURN

C Dickerson motioned and D Campbell seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara A. Marsele Clerk

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Senior Center Improvements List January 2016-- Prepared by the Commission on Aging

SENIOR CENTER NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS LIST (List will be updated each	ESTIMATE	PLAN
1. Repave Parking Lot year	l	
2. Replace 2006 bus	25,000	2018-19
3. New Window Coverings	50,000	2019-20
4. Replace chairs & tables in Main Area	8,000	TBD
5. Upgrade Air Conditioning/Heating system—	20,000	THI
temperatures and humidity are not easily controlled	35,000	2019-28
6. From surface replacement (carpet tiles continue		
to curl with change in temperatures)	TBD	TBD
7. Gas Fire Boiler		
8. Roof Repfacument	12,000	2019-20
9. External Facia Replacement	40,000	2018-19
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Additional Vehicle for Senior Transportation (car)		
Generator		Complet
Paint Community Center Interlor/		Complet
repair puff down screen columns & facia/add filler & caulk separated seams		Complet
Replace Senior Center sidewalk including brick area		
create handicap access ramp in front of building for drop-offs		Complete
Handicap acress door and entry		
SENIOR CENTER WISH LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS		Complete
Recover sofa cushions or Replace Sofas		
2. Kitchen counter replacement/new familiate and installation of sinks		In Process
3. Replace kitchen ceiling grids and tiles	4,200	
Replace bathroom counters/add storage areas/new lamanent (two sinks)	1,700	
Financement of Travel Services (2nd Bus)	4,000	
i. Computers/Tablets for Senior classes and resources/3 computers	7BD	
Outside Storage unit	2,000	
Build Addition to Senior/Community Center	6,000	
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