

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2017**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on March 7, 2017. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance: Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Corrine Dickerson, Rose C. Egnat, Dolores Campbell, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, and Marie Sandora; and students Kylie Geer, and Rachel Griffin. Absent were Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro, member Mary Ellen Tressy, Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Senior Services Alicia Van Neil.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio requested the COA make an effort to find alternates to serve on the Commission.

The Welcome Wagon brochure is finished and will be included as an insert in the May Let's Talk Turkey.

The COA page on the Town website has been updated to remove volunteer activities no longer applicable.

ME Tressy sent a message for R Galluccio to read thanking K Geer, her parents and sister Alex, and Justin Lacharite for the removal of the snow from cars at Higley/Metacomet Villages after the last big storm.

2. MINUTES

The last meeting's date was corrected to read February 7, 2017. C Dickerson motioned and R Egnat seconded accepting the minutes as written, including the meeting date correction. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

There was a report sent by K Jacobs to R Galluccio to read. Here are some things happening in the coming weeks: a trip to the Botanical Gardens at Smith College, and a Big Y Eating Well for 1 or 2 persons presentation, and a Lunch Bunch trip to City Fish, and a Poetry Café. The Hearing Clinic scheduled for April is full; and another is planned for July.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

There was a report sent to R Galluccio to read. The Energy Assistance program for 2016/2017 will end March 25, 2017. Applications must be made before this date, and awards must be used by this date.

The Renters Rebate program usually begins in April. However, to date, no information about the program, or its continuation, has been sent to towns.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

There was no new information about this program.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion concerning the 2017 COA Initiatives proposed last meeting. Each was discussed individually. There were additions, subtractions, and combinations made. Attached is the revised list. R Galluccio asked the COA to vote for the three initiatives which they would most like to have the COA pursue and accomplish in 2017. He will report in the top three initiatives at next month's meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

B Marsele informed the COA that the State Homeowners program was ongoing until May 15, and that it affords qualified seniors a tax benefit on their homes.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were none.

10. ADJOURN

F Mara motioned and Y Lemieux seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
Clerk

2017 COA INITIATIVES

1. Explore fundraising like car washes, wine tasting, etc.
2. Restaurant collaboration for % sales to COA
3. COA meet at Metacomet/Higley as an outreach
4. Have another event/party like the clambake
5. Modestly beautify the Post Office
6. Review/revise discount list
7. Advertise COA at YMCA or other businesses
8. Outreach to veterans to become involved in COA
9. Organize Greenway Days when seniors can walk with others
10. Request Women's Club to take on the kitchen floor replacement
11. Have kids invite seniors to attend events/sports/concerts/plays etc together;
and expand Senior Citizen Day at the High School
12. Investigate grants for kitchen renovations
13. Get estimates for carpet replacement
14. Expand EG Seniors Place facebook page to include Senior Services activities.