

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

MINUTES
June 6, 2017

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

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio introduced E Cosker as the new Director of Social Services. He then addressed the tv audience with a request that any persons interested in becoming an active part of COA contact a member and come to a meeting. He further asked the audience to like and follow the East Granby Seniors Place on facebook; and to look for the Elder Directory insert in the most recent Let's Talk Turkey.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections made to the minutes of the meeting held on May 2, 2017. F Mara motioned and R Egnat seconded accepting the minutes as written. R Galluccio abstained because he was not at the meeting. The remainder were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

R Galluccio read a report submitted to him by K Jacobs. The summer newsletter is now in homes. Many planned trips are close to or completely full. This month will feature the Clam Bake on June 16. The July hearing clinic is completely booked with a waiting list. She is still waiting to hear from The Women's Club about the request for funding to redo the kitchen floor. The Subaru senior vehicle was in an accident and was not salvageable. A replacement is hoped for in the near future. She anticipates a quote for new blinds/shades and to be placing an order next week.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that she was getting in the swing of things at her new job looking including the Good Samaritan program and the Renters Rebate.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

There was nothing new to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

COA meet at Higley/Metacomet as an outreach.

D Campbell reported that the opportunity is still doable. R Galluccio requested that the months to meet be September and November as he will not be able to attend the October meeting and would like to be present as Chairman. Thus the COA will meet at Higley September 5, 2017 and at Metacomet November 7, 2017. D Campbell stated she would submit the dates to the Village newsletter.

Organize Greenway Day when seniors can walk with others.

F Mara reported that the September 30th date is a go with no rain date. K Jacobs will be putting it in her September event calendar, and there will be information about it on the Community and Seniors Place facebook pages, as well as a sandwich board at a central location. R Galluccio stated that he will prepare a submission to the August Let's Talk Turkey. Although people can just come, it will be recommended that they call K Jacobs' office to add their names to a list so a general number of participants can be known. There will be water handouts and snack bars funded by Senior Services, and goodie bags with donated items. At the start of the next school year, R Griffin and K Geer will assemble a team of students to help with handouts, and pushing wheelchairs for less ambulatory participants, and to ride bikes on the Greenway to keep walkers company and monitored in case of any issue.

Have another event/party like the Clam Bake.

L Ziobro reported that the best opportunity at this time is to plan an Oktoberfest at the Back East Brewery in Bloomfield. She will be going there next week to explore how the event could be done.

Investigate grants for kitchen renovations. Y Lemieux reported that he will be contacting the Hartford Foundation about funding. In the past, they have shown an interest in funding projects involving seniors.

Expand EG Seniors Place facebook page to include Senior Services activities. As the volunteers working on this initiative were absent, the presumption was made that they are continuing their efforts to put Senior activities, events, and calendars on the Senior's Place facebook page.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion about the COA meeting during the summer. F Mara motioned and Y Lemieux seconded not meeting during July or August. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were general welcome to the COA comments to E Cosker from everyone. She replied that she was happy to be on board and looked forward to the future together.

10. ADJOURN

D Campbell motioned and R Egnat seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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Clerk