

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

A meeting held at the Community Room at Metacomet Village on November 7, 2017. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Corrine Dickerson, Rose C. Egnat, Dolores Campbell, Yvon P. Lemieux, Felice Mara, and Marie Sandora; students Kylie Geer, and Rachel Griffin; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent was Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio announced that Mary Ellen Tressy has resigned as a member of the COA for personal reasons. That means there are currently four membership vacancies.

He acknowledged that K Geer was student of the month at East Granby High School for the month of October.

He sent a list of the student volunteers to Allgrove and Seymour schools for review and expects a reply soon.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections made to the minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2017. F Mara motioned and R Egnat seconded accepting the minutes as written. R Galluccio abstained from voting as he was not at the meeting. The remainder members present were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs stated that The Senior Newsletter for December, January, and February is nearly complete and should be in the mail before Thanksgiving.

The shades for the Senior Community Center offices and kitchen are ordered and should be installed shortly.

She approached the West Hartford Senior Job Bank about adding East Granby to its list of towns. She was told that they are not currently adding towns, but that they would keep East Granby on a potential list for future additions.

#### 4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the Thanksgiving Baskets program is going very well, and she has enough volunteers to see it through to completion including deliveries.

She is still seeking doners and volunteers for the Christmas Basket Program.

The Energy Assistance Program is underway, and Operation Fuel for electricity assistance will begin on December 1, 2017.

She also reported that the 50 elderly persons who are eligible for rebates under the State Renters Rebate Program, as well as the 75 elderly persons who use the Medicare Savings Program are still waiting for the State to decide if it intends to free the funding to which each program entitles them.

#### 5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

There was nothing new.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

Have another event/party like the clambake.

R Galluccio read L Ziobro's report as submitted to him in her absence. She was told by Back East Brewery in Bloomfield that they would be willing to have an event at their facility on a day they are normally closed to the public for 30 people at \$10 per person. R Galluccio suggested that the subject be further discussed and decided upon in the spring.

Expand EG Seniors Place on Facebook to include Senior Services activities.

M Sandora stated that she continues to be unable to post data provided by K Jacobs to East Granby Seniors Place. There are still only 40 members. She suggested that it might be time to discontinue the page, and work instead to post K Jacobs' data to the East Granby Community page instead. R Griffin suggested a contact person to M Sandora for a link to make such postings. All members agreed that it was time to make the switch.

2018 Calendar

F Mara motioned and Y Lemieux seconded accepting the calendar as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

2017 Senior Center Improvements List

R Galluccio stated that the list has been updated to the Town's five year plan; and cost estimates have been updated. The wish list portion shows the New Window Coverings as complete because that project is nearly finished.

R Galluccio asked First Selectman James Hayden to move the kitchen renovations to a fiscal year sooner than the scheduled 2021 fiscal year. He replied in a letter that if The Hartford Foundation committed to funding half of the \$27,000 cost, as

they indicated to Y Lemieux they would, provided the Town commit to funding the other half, then the BOS would find a way to fund the Town's half sooner than 2021. R Galluccio requested that Y Lemieux get that commitment from the foundation.

C Dickerson motioned and R Egnat seconded accepting the List as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### 2018 Election of Officers

R Galluccio stated that any member of the COA who would like to serve as Chairman or Vice Chair should indicate their desire to do so. A vote will be taken to fill those posts for 2018 at the next meeting.

#### 8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bill Baker, who used to serve on the COA, thanked the Commission for all its work on behalf of the Town's seniors.

Cheryl Penndorf, who lives at Higley Village, stated that she found the meeting very interesting and planned to attend again in the future.

#### 9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were general offerings of good wishes to each other for a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

#### 10. ADJOURN

D Campbell motioned and Y Lemieux seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
COA Clerk

