

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2017

A meeting held at the Senior Community Center on December 5, 2017. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:44pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro; members Corrine Dickerson, Yvon P. Lemieux, and Marie Sandora; and student Kylie Geer. Absent were members Dolores Campbell, and Felice Mara; student Rachel Griffin; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that Rose C Egnat has resigned as a member.

As the last meeting was not televised, he restated the COA's need to add more members and alternates.

He repeated for the television that the COA is proud of K Geer as the Student of the Month for October.

The principals at the Seymour and Algrove schools sent new lists of available student volunteers which will be posted on the COA website.

He reviewed the status of the 2017 COA Initiatives now that the year is ending:

*COA meet at Higley/Metacomet as an outreach.

Meetings were scheduled, publicized, and held at both locations. The meeting at Metacomet was better attended by residents.

*Organize Greenway Day when seniors can walk with others.

A fall walk was planned, publicized, and ready to go; but rain caused it to be cancelled. Another walk will be planned in the spring.

*Have another event/party like the clambake.

Inquiries have been made about having an event at Down East Brewery in Bloomfield. There will be an event planned there in the spring.

*Investigate grants for the kitchen renovations.

There was an outreach to The Hartford Foundation about a grant from them. Both the Foundation and the Town have replied to the COA that a cooperative opportunity could happen in the future.

*Expand EG Seniors Place on facebook to include more senior activities available through Senior Services.

Every effort has been made to do this; but after a year of very limited membership following, the site will be discontinued in favor of expanding the same data on the EG Community page.

The Board of Selectman have been invited to and will be attending the January COA meeting. First Selectman James Hayden will present a summary of how the Town fared in 2017.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections made to the minutes of the meeting held November 7, 2017. C Dickerson motioned and Y Lemieux seconded accepting the minutes as written. L Ziobro abstained as she was not in attendance. The remaining members were all in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs submitted a report for R Galluccio to read. The December trips are all filled. The Holiday Lunch was a success enjoyed by all. Phase II of the shades for the Senior Community windows is complete, and all windows in the building now have new shades. A new large screen television has been installed in the Senior Community Center.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

There was no report from E Cosker.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

K Geer was asked about the removal of snow from vehicles at the senior villages by volunteer high school students during the coming winter. She reported that there is a liability problem should a vehicle be scratched or damaged during the clearing. Some residents were concerned about this last year as the workers are uninsured volunteers. She also said that there are two problems if some residents sign waivers for the volunteers. One is that it might be difficult to identify which vehicle to clear after a heavy snow as they would all look the same; and the other is that, in the process of clearing a waived vehicle, a non-waivered vehicle next to it could be scratched or damaged.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Data concerning old business was covered during the opening remarks.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The slate of Chairman Richard Galluccio and Vice Chair Lucia Ziobro for 2018 was presented. Y Lemieux motioned and M Sandora seconded accepting the slate. R Galluccio abstained. The remaining members were all in favor and the motion passed.

L Ziobro and Y Lemieux are up for reappointment. They both indicated that they would like that to happen. R Galluccio will present their names to J Hayden for reappointment.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Beth Galloway and Cheryl Bermani-McCann attended the meeting to determine if they would like to become members of the COA. They both spoke of their interests and observations and their desire to become members. R Galluccio will present them to J Hayden for appointment.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There was a welcoming to the new persons from all, and general happy and safe holiday wishes were exchanged.

10. ADJOURN

C Dickerson motioned and M Sandora seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk