

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
DATE**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on June 5, 2018. 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, Beth Galloway, Felice Mara, Cheryl McCann, Marie Sandora, David Zavaleta, and Judy Root; alternate Ellen Griffing; and student Rachel Griffin. Absent were student Kylie Geer; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on May 1, 2018. D Zavaleta motioned and F Mara seconded accepting the minutes as written. B Galloway and R Griffin abstained because they were 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 by K Jacobs.

The summer calendar has been delivered and covers June/July/August. Many trips are already at or near capacity.

The Clam Bake is next Friday, June 15. She is planning for another great turnout. The Greenway Trail walk was not well attended, but was fun. The COA members who participated all stated that it was a beautiful walk on the Greenway towards Southwick and well worth the time to do it again. They suggested that perhaps another walk be scheduled for the fall.

The hearing clinic date has been changed to August 30.

The Good Sam/Student initiative is on-going. The High School Vice Principal likes the idea of having 1-2 days a year as "EG Cares Day." The plan is to meet over the summer and try to get it up and running sometime in the fall. R Griffin stated that she has been working with K Jacobs, and in contact with the Vice Principal whose role is likely to be minimally required if at all. She said she is already working on a list of interested students. She also stated that the hope is to have a concrete plan by the start of school next year.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

R Galluccio read a report submitted by E Cosker.

Social Services is working with Senior Services and Friend to Friend to implement a transportation component to the Food Pantry on Wednesday evenings to help seniors and other residents without the means to get to and from the Pantry. The implementation is expected to start in September. There will also be food deliveries to homebound persons. A new development is that Friend to Friend will be offering “friendly visitor” volunteers for homebound persons or isolated seniors. These persons will bring a lunch or fresh veggies/fruits in season and stay for a visit.

The Elderly/Totally Disabled Renter’s Rebate Program is now open until October 1, 2018. There are income requirements and renters should contact Social Services for more information.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

Nothing to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Have another event/party like the clambake.

L Ziobro reported that she revisited the venues preferred in previous meetings and determined that the Copper Hill Country Club offered the best opportunity for the kind of gathering the COA is seeking. She thought Tuesday night trivia might be a fun thing to link into and was going to attend one to see if that is true. She will report back at the next meeting.

Create a Senior Wellness Fair.

B Galloway reported that the scheduled date for the Fair will be October 15, 2018, at the Senior Community Center, in conjunction with the Flu Clinic. The exact time has yet to be determined. She and C McCann are in the process of selecting and contacting participants.

Have meetings with regional COA’s.

D Zavaleta reported that all six towns contacted are enthusiastic about this opportunity to brainstorm ideas, issues, problems, and solutions confronting COA’s. The thinking was that several members of each COA participate in the meetings. He suggested that East Granby should host the first one, and would work with J Root and E Griffing to contact the towns again and firm up a date and time for the first meeting to occur. They will report back at the next meeting.

Create a volunteer Student Registry.

See the student portion of the Senior Services update.

Have a social get-together at Higley/Metacomet.

C Dickerson reported that she has been in contact with the manager of Metacomet Homes. The concept of a COA sponsored BBQ was well received. The manager suggested that it be done in the same manner as they have BBQ's now. Hold it at Higley Village with residents signing up to bring food dishes and the COA bring the hot dogs and hamburgers. It was agreed that late summer or early fall would be a good time. K Jacobs would arrange for the Senior bus and car to transport Metacomet Village residents who are unable to transport themselves. C Dickerson will set a date with the manager and report back next meeting.

Have a senior information booth at events.

M Sandora reported that the committee's brainstorming about having and manning a booth per se at events brought them to the conclusion that it would be a cumbersome endeavor. There would certainly be a COA presence at the Wellness Fair and, for the time being, that should suffice to satisfy this initiative, which can always be revisited again.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion about whether to have meetings July 3, 2018 and August 7, 2018. There was consensus that the July meeting would not be well attended. D Zavaleta motioned and M Sandora seconded meeting in August but not in July. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were comments about enjoying a safe summer.
F Mara and L Ziobro encouraged everyone to walk the Greenway.

10. ADJOURN

M Sandora motioned and J Root seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk

