

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
MAY 7, 2019**

A meeting was held in the Small Conference Room at the Town Hall on May 7, 2019. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Lucia Ziobro, Corrine Dickerson, Marie Sandora, and Jennifer DeCoteau; alternates Cathy Delasco, and Jo-Ann Petrin; and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were members Felice Mara, and Judy Root; alternate Brian Cosker; students Rachel Griffin and Sean Griffin; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that Beth Galloway had resigned as a member. This moved Cathy Delasco from an alternate to a member.

He welcomed J Petrin as an alternate.

He stated that The Hartford Foundation approved a grant of \$15,000 for the Senior Community Center kitchen renovation, which is approximately half of the projected cost. The Town has budgeted for the remainder of the cost. Work should be completed during the summer.

2. MINUTES

B Marsele, Commission Clerk, indicated that Cathy Delasco's name was misspelled in the first paragraph of the minutes of the meeting held on April 2, 2019. There were no other corrections to the minutes. L Ziobro made a motion and C Delasco seconded accepting the minutes as corrected. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

E Cosker read K Jacobs' report. The Senior Moments newsletter is complete and should be in homes in two weeks.

She requested that the date for the Greenway Day walk be determined and sent to her so that she can publicize it in the fall newsletter.

She stated that the Clam Bake will be held on June 7, 2019 and encouraged everyone to attend.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the Energy Assistance Program was extended to May 1, 2019 by the State which enabled her to help several households.

The State Renters Rebate Program in ongoing.

She stated that the next big thing on her agenda will be to do the preparatory work for the Back to School Backpack Program for children of families with need. She encouraged people to become informed and involved in this program which typically assists 20-25 children get their needed back to school supplies.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

M Sandora stated that she, J Root, and C McCann have not had a meeting yet to determine how much useful information they have from the pursuit of this initiative last year. It is possible that they may have to start fresh and hope to have a report on their efforts at the next meeting.

b. East Granby Cares

E Cosker stated that another day is planned for the fall. As soon as a date is selected, she will submit an article about the day to Let's Talk Turkey and Senior Moments.

c. Senior Celebration

R Galluccio stated that K Jacobs has a list of residents who are 90 years old and older. He suggested publishing it in Let's Talk Turkey and Senior Moments as part of an information article to both publicize the event and to ask if there are any persons 90 and older who have been omitted from the list in error.

d. Senior Showcase

C McCann stated that while it is too early to approach new and last year's participants about attending in 2019, she and J DeCoteau will be working on the list of potential participants and methods for better publicity. Then, once a date has been set and is not too far in the future, they will approach potential participants and start publicity.

e. Discounts List Update

L Ziobro stated that she is reviewing the current list. New edits and additions are in progress and she will have a report at the next meeting.

f. Greenway Day

C Delasco stated that she has not met with F Mara. The date will be September 14, 2019. She stated that they will report back at the next meeting about publicity options.

g. Increase Participation in Good Samaritan Program

There was a discussion about the program which included reviewing the current application to become a helper, ways to encourage people to become

helpers, and ways to encourage those who are in need of help to seek it from this program. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

8. COMMENTS FROM COA

Commission members renewed their intentions to work on the initiatives and report back at the next meeting.

9. ADJOURN

C Delasco made a motion and J DeCoteau seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk