

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

A meeting was held at the Small Conference Room in the Town Hall on November 5, 2019. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Lucia Ziobro, Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, Cathy Delasco, and Jennifer DeCoteau; alternate Roxanne Derlinga; students Sean Griffin and Colby Betts; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Member Judy Root was absent.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that Brian Cosker has resigned as an alternate. Roxanne Derlinga has joined the COA as his replacement.

He also stated that he posted some articles about the COA and recent initiatives on the Town of East Granby facebook page.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on October 1, 2019. C Delasko made a motion and M Sandora seconded accepting the minutes as written. R Derlinga abstained and the remainder were all in favor. The motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs stated that she is working on the winter Senior Moments newsletter. The date for the Senior Holiday Luncheon will be December 6, 2019 at noon.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that her holiday programs are getting underway. Once again Friend to Friend will be providing food assistance as part of the holiday baskets for participants of the food pantry.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

K Jacobs and E Cosker stated that this program will be helping some people who came too late to East Granby Cares Day, as well as some participants in the Day

who now want help with additional things. S Griffin and C Betts will be finding student volunteers to assist these people.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

M Sandora stated that, since J Root is an important part of this initiative and is not able to work on it at this time, she recommends that the initiative be revisited in 2020.

b. East Granby Cares

S Griffin and C Betts stated that students assisted 14 people with their various needs for help. K Jacobs stated that she received very good feedback from those who were helped. She and E Cosker stated that S Griffin and C Betts did a great job coordinating the students to the tasks.

c. Senior Celebration

R Galluccio stated that the dinner was cancelled due to a lack of response. He suggested that the initiative be revisited in the spring. A discussion of potential changes included making it a luncheon instead of a dinner, having it on a Saturday instead of a weekday, and backing up the age of honorees to 85 from 90 and up.

d. Senior Showcase – Wellness Fair

C McCann and J Decoteau stated that the event was a success. Vendors and attendees alike gave positive feedback. There were over 90 attendees.

R Galluccio requested that they write an article which he will submit to the next Let's Talk Turkey and post on the Town of East Granby facebook page. C McCann suggested that he also post the Fair's brochure.

e. Improvements List

R Galluccio handed out a revised Improvements List for review by the Commission. F Mara made a motion and C Delasko seconded accepting the list as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

2020 Election of Officers

Unless a Commission member stated a desire to fill the positions, R Galluccio stated that he was willing to continue as Chair; and C McCann stated that she was willing to continue as Vice Chair. No member indicated that they wanted to fill either position. A vote to accept the officer slate will be taken at the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

none

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were welcome wishes to R Derlinga. C Dickerson reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be a holiday meeting. Sweet or savory offerings can be brought and will be enjoyed.

10. ADJOURN

C Delasko made a motion and R Derlinga seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk