

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
JANUARY 7,2020**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on January 7, 2020. 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, Cathy Delasco, Judy Root, and Jennifer DeCoteau; alternate Roxanne Derlinga; and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were member Marie Sandora; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs; and students Sean Griffin and Colby Betts.

Also in attendance were the Board of Selectmen: Jim Hayden First Selectman, John Ziobro, and Joe Doering.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio welcomed J Root back from her leave of absence. He welcomed the members of the Board of Selectmen. He reminded the television viewers that there are openings on the COA for 2 alternates; and that Good Samaritan is always looking for volunteers, as well as persons who need assistance from the program.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on December 3, 2019. C Delasco made a motion and R Derlinga seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

None

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the Energy Assistance Program is happening now. She cancelled the free dental care opportunity for those without insurance because not enough people signed up. She hopes to try again in the spring.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

E Cosker gave the summary of the program for 2019. There were 3 adult and 9 student volunteers for 14 recipients of assistance. East Granby Cares day was a success as a bulk of recipients received assistance all in one day.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

J Root stated that now that she is back, she and the others involved with this initiative will be pursuing it with more vigor and hope to have a report at the next meeting.

b. Senior Celebration

R Galluccio stated that this year's event will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2020 as a luncheon for persons 85 and older plus an accompanying person. He handed out a list of 118 potential invitees and asked the COA to review it for additions or subtractions.

7. NEW BUSINESS

State of the Town—J Hayden gave a presentation about how the Town is faring with finances, shared services, improvement projects, outreach to the industrial base and its support of scholastic preparation for the jobs of today and the future, and updated ordinances. He circled around this data with an eye towards the Town's positive quality of life. He thanked the COA for its continued spirit of volunteerism, which he noted is prevalent on many levels throughout the Town.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were general expressions of gratitude to the Board of Selectmen for attending the meeting; and special thanks to Jim Hayden for his presentation.

10. ADJOURN

C Delasco made a motion and J Root seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk

