

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

A meeting was held at the Senior Community Center on February 4, 2020. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Lucia Ziobro, Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, Cathy Delasco, Judy Root, and Jennifer DeCoteau; alternate Roxanne Derlinga; and students Sean Griffin and Colby Betts. Absent were Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated to the television audience that the COA is looking for two Alternates; and the Good Samaritan Program is looking for volunteers. He asked that interested people contact either himself or K Jacobs.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2020. C Delasco made a motion and J Root seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

R Galluccio read a report from K Jacobs. She is working on the Senior Moments newsletter covering March, April, and May. It will be in homes later in the month. The Mid-Winter Gathering is scheduled for February 21, 2020 with lunch and entertainment. The kitchen renovation should be completed by the end of the week.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

R Galluccio read a report from E Cosker. The Ct Energy Assistance Program is running as usual though the spring. Operation Fuel has a new program to assist residents with water bills. The Farmington Valley Hunger Action Team, of which East Granby is now a member, is launching a Car Repair Fund Pilot Program later this month. She can apply, on behalf of a resident, for up to a \$250 grant. The program is intended for individuals who are in school part or full time, or working part or full time. For more information, contact her at Social Services.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

No report

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

J Root, M Sandora, and C McCann stated that progress is being made contacting several neighboring towns and they hope to have a more definitive report at the next meeting. R Galluccio requested that they create a written plan of action so the COA can know what it is and where progress stands.

b. Senior Celebration

R Galluccio stated that the current list of 116 seniors 85 and older will receive invitations, plus one, to the May 2, 2020 luncheon mid to late March, with an RSVP by April 15.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. R Galluccio introduced Karen Pliego from Caregiver Homes. She gave a presentation about the organization which financially supports caregivers so the person being given the care can continue to live at home despite not having enough personal financial means to both live there and pay for a caregiver.

b. R Galluccio handed out a list of potential COA Initiatives for 2020. Each item on the list was discussed, and he requested that suggestions for additions or subtractions to it be brought to the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

Thank you was said by the Commission to K Pliego for coming to the meeting and sharing information about Caregiver Homes.

10. 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 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk

