# EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON AGING VIRTUAL MEETING

# MINUTES JUNE 2, 2020

A virtual meeting was held via Zoom on June 2, 2020. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Lucia Ziobro, Felice Mara, Cathy Delasco, Judy Root, 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. Absent were Vice Chair Cheryl McCann, and members Corrine Dickerson, and Marie Sandora.

#### 1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio introduced Maureen Emery who contacted him expressing interest in serving on the Commission.

# 2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 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

K Jacobs stated that the Senior Center has been closed and will continue to be closed indefinitely. This closure was done under the guidance of the Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD), and in coordination with the Connecticut Association of Senior Center Personnel (CASCP).

Because of the closure, all programs are cancelled. The Senior Mini Bus is still providing rides, however with restrictions and guidelines set forth by FVHD. Two passengers per trip can ride. It goes to Geisslers, CVS, and the post office on Wednesdays, and to essential doctors visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Unfortunately, since the wheelchair lift is not working, no disabled passengers can be accommodated for rides.

When asked when the Senior Center will reopen, and programs resume, she indicated that while there is the expectancy to re-evaluate circumstances in the fall, the greater likelihood is that any reopening will not occur until 2021.

# 4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that her current focus is largely consumed with the needs of individuals and families who are food insecure. She has been working closely with the Food Pantry, which is run by Friend To Friend.

# 5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

None

# 6. OLD BUSINESS

R Galluccio stated that given the report by K Jacobs and E Cosker, and also given that the initiatives require more social contact than is currently advisable, there was nothing to discuss or for which to plan in "Old Business."

- a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's
- b. Senior Celebration
- c. Senior Wellness Fair
- d. Greenway Day
- e. East Granby Cares
- f. Increase Participation in Good Samaritan Program
- g. Update Durable Medical Equipment

# 7. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

F Mara made a motion and J Root seconded the cancelling of the July and August meetings of the Commission. All were in favor and the motion passed.

# 8. <u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>

M Emery stated that she is looking forward to serving on the Commission.

# 9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were general expressions to be safe and healthy through the summer.

# 10. ADJOURN

F Mara made a motion and C Delasco seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara A. Marsele COA Clerk