

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**

A virtual meeting was held via Zoom and telephone call-in on November 3, 2020. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Corrine Dickerson, Judy Root, and Jennifer DeCoteau; alternates Roxanne Derlinga, and Maureen Emery; students Sean Griffin and Colby Betts; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were members Cathy Delasko, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, and Lucia Ziobro.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio introduced M Emery as a new alternate. He stated that, in the absence of members, she and R Derlinga will become temporary voting members for this meeting.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on June 2, 2020. R Derlinga made a motion and C McCann seconded accepting the minutes as written. C McCann abstained. The remaining members were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs stated that the foot care program had resumed in October; but as an indoor program, the provider has cancelled future care due to the current Covid 19 spike.

Indoor knitting and exercise had also resumed and has been cancelled as well. She has continuous meetings with and information directives from the Farmington Valley Health District. She is expecting updates about indoor activities.

The Drive-Thru Luau which offered food and games for seniors was a big success with the help of the Town Hall staff. It was all contactless. There were 35 participants, and she has received many positive thank you calls and letters. The next one will be a Drive- Thru Thanksgiving on November 16, 2020 from

12:30-1:00 pm. There is no fee; but registration is required. She anticipates a similar number of participants.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that her programs are continuing but with as little in person contact as possible.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

E Cosker stated that she and K Jacobs have received interest by several people to be volunteers. There have been no requests for volunteers to do work.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

C McCann and J Root stated that they, along with M Sandora, had a letter of invitation to a meeting all prepared to be sent to several neighboring towns which had expressed interest in exchanging ideas and information. Then Covid 19 restrictions stopped them from mailing it. It was discussed and decided that an amended letter be created and sent inviting the towns to a zoom meeting.

b. East Granby Cares

S Griffin stated that this event could not be done because of Covid 19 concerns. He was asked if he thought students would be willing to write notes to the seniors who used their services at last year's event in an effort to let them know that they have not been forgotten, and that the students are hopeful to serve the needs of these seniors again in the future. He was confident that they would. K Jacobs stated that she would make those arrangements and that she would authorize the students' time to count towards their Community Service hours.

c. Increase Participation in Good Samaritan Program

No report.

d. Update "Durable Medical Equipment"

R Galluccio requested that E Cosker give a copy of this list to her husband, Brian Cosker, for his review and input as that is information about which he would have knowledge. She said she would.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2021 Calendar

C Dickerson made a motion and R Derlinga seconded accepting the 2021 Calendar as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. 2021 Improvements List

C Dickerson made a motion and R Derlinga seconded accepting the 2021 Improvements List as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c. 2021 Election of Officers

As a group, the members nominated R Galluccio to be Chairman, and C McCann to be Vice Chair. Elections to be held at the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

The members expressed their wishes for safety, good health, and Happy Thanksgiving to each other.

10. ADJOURN

C Dickerson made a motion and J Root 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