

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

**MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2020**

A virtual meeting was held via Zoom and telephone call-in on December 1, 2020. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Lucia Ziobro, Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, and Judy Root; alternate Roxanne Derlinga; students Sean Griffin and Colby Betts; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were members Jennifer DeCoteau and Cathy Delasko; and alternate Maureen Emery.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that he has been asked to serve on the East Granby Funds Advisory Committee established by the Hartford Foundation. The Foundation has reserve grant money for 29 towns in this region. The Committee consists of 9 adults and 2 students, and is supposed to explore possible projects in East Granby for which grants could be used. The exclusive grant money available for East Granby to potentially use is \$100,000. The Committee is just beginning to have meetings and he will keep the COA informed as more data becomes available to him.

He stated that the Board of Selectmen are expected to attend January's COA meeting. Typically, First Selectman Jim Hayden gives a State of the Town report.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on November 3, 2020. F Mara made a motion and C Dickerson seconded accepting the minutes as written. L Ziobro abstained. The remainder were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs stated that the Thanksgiving Senior Drive-thru was very successful. It was attended by 55 pre-signed seniors who enjoyed getting a box lunch with a drink and a fresh made small pie, as well as playing games with prizes. The Town Hall staff was there to man the various stations and a fun time was had by all.

All Senior Services programs are closed until further notice due to COVID19 concerns. However, a Christmas Senior Drive-thru is planned for December 21 by sign-up only and she can be contacted for more information.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that, with the considerable help of Friend to Friend and The Food Pantry, 65-70 households of persons in need were given Thanksgiving provisions and grocery gift cards. Christmas is going to be done in a similar way, including gift cards from various large retailers.

She is providing for people's needs by appointment only, but still with as little in person contact as possible.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

No report

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

The Committee stated that a zoom meeting with other COAs is not feasible until after the holidays.

b. East Granby Cares

S Griffin and K Jacobs stated that the writing of Holiday cards by students to seniors is in process.

c. Increase Participation in Good Samaritan Program

L Ziobro stated that this program is not feasible at this time due to COVID19 concerns.

d. Update "Durable Medical Equipment"

R Galluccio postponed pursuing this initiative until after the holidays.

7. NEW BUSINESS

2021 Election of Officers

F Mara made a motion and C Dickerson seconded nominating R Galluccio as Chairman and C McCann as Vice Chair. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were good wishes for safe and happy holidays.

10. ADJOURN

M Sandora made a motion and R Derlinga seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk