

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

**MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

A virtual meeting was held via Zoom and telephone call-in on February 2, 2021. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, 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 members Marie Sandora, Lucia Ziobro, and Cathy Delasco; and alternate Maureen Emery.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that the East Granby Advisory Committee established by The Hartford Foundation, on which he serves, is planning to release a letter in about a week to publicly invite individuals or groups to apply for grant money of not less than \$250.

He had made a request to Jim Hayden at the last meeting for an estimated cost to replace the carpet at the Senior Community Center, with the thought to apply for grant money. The estimate for carpet squares, which is what is on the floor now, is in the \$17,000 range; and the estimate for a broadloom carpet is in the \$18,000 range.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on January 5, 2021. F Mara 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 current primary effort of her department is to assist seniors over 75 with registering for COVID-19 vaccinations either online or by phone.

There will be a vaccination clinic for people over 75 at the East Granby High School on February 10, 2021. Appointments can be made using VAMS, or by contacting Senior Services for help.

The Secret Seniors Program, which will run weekly through February, is ready to send the first deliveries to about 20 seniors this weekend.

East Granby has received a \$2,500 Cares Act Grant which is to be used for COVID-19 related projects. The first thing for which it will be used is to purchase computer software that can be used for a variety of things including online registration for events, and robocalls to remind seniors of coming events or that they have an appointment. The next planned use will be for touchless faucets at the Senior Community Center.

#### 4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that, along with the Secret Seniors Program, she continues to help people stay warm through the Energy Assistance Program.

She also spoke about an organization called Your Community Cares, a grant funded non-profit which mirrors East Granby's Good Samaritan Program statewide. R Galluccio stated that he would call them about arranging for a presentation.

#### 5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

No report

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS

##### a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

C McCann stated that the Committee revised the invitation to have a meeting from in person to virtual. The date will be March 9, 2021 and the email invitation will be sent to Simsbury, Granby, and Suffield.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. 2021 Initiatives

Committee assignments for the initiatives were made.

\*Senior Wellness Fair – planning for October  
C McCann, J DeCoteau, F Mara

\*Senior Celebration – planning for fall  
R Galluccio, C Dickerson, R Derlinga

\*Have Meetings With Regional COA's  
J Root, M Sandora, C McCann

\*Greenway Day – planning for spring or fall  
F Mara, C Delasco, M Emery

\*East Granby Cares – planning for fall  
C Betts, New Student, K Jacobs, E Cosker

\*Update “Access To Durable Medical Equipment”  
R Galluccio, J DeCoteau

\*Writing/Sending “Thinking Of You” Cards To Seniors  
C McCann

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

F Mara stated that Nutmeg Senior Rides is still providing door to door ride service for an annual fee of \$40.

There were expressions concerning staying healthy and safe by all in attendance.

10. ADJOURN

C McCann made a motion and F Mara seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
COA Clerk