

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

**MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2021**

A virtual meeting was held via Zoom and telephone call-in on March 2, 2021. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:35 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; alternates Roxanne Derlinga, and Maureen Emery; students Sean Griffin and Colby Betts; and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent was Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that the East Granby Advisory Committee is about to send letters to Town Commissions and Departments, as well as tax exempt organizations and others, asking them to consider making an application for grant money from The Hartford Foundation, which created the Committee.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on February 2, 2021. F Mara made a motion and R Derlinga seconded accepting the minutes as written. L Ziobro abstained. The remainder were all in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

E Cosker read K Jacobs report. The anticipated schedule for partial re-opening of Town buildings makes it possible to start planning for some programs like the Knitting Group to resume meeting soon.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that she and K Jacobs were very pleased that 160 seniors benefitted from the Secret Admirer Program by having received food and flowers and gift cards etc. They are hoping to do it again next year.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

None

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

C McCann stated that the invitation to a zoom meeting was sent to Simsbury, Granby, and Suffield. Since Suffield does not have a COA, but only a Senior Services Director, they will not be attending. The other Towns will meet with East Granby on March 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

- b. Senior Wellness Fair

Revisit in the fall.

- c. Senior Celebration

Revisit in the fall.

- d. Greenway Day

Revisit in the fall.

- e. East Granby Cares

Revisit in the fall.

- f. Update "Access to Durable Medical Equipment"

J DeCouteau is rewriting the list to reflect the current Covid-19 hours of operation of various places. She expects to have it completed by the next meeting.

- g. Writing/Sending "Thinking Of You" Cards to Seniors

C McCann stated that she has an abundance of cards that could be used. She asked that E Cosker and K Jacobs make a template for what should be written in each card for appropriateness and consistency. They would also be responsible for determining who should get cards, when they should be sent, and addressing them to keep the recipients confidential. Commission members and alternates volunteered to write cards and/or pay for stamps.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

M Emery offered best wishes to S Griffin as he embarks on the last weeks of his senior year. Others joined in these wishes.

There were general wishes by everyone to each other to be safe and well.

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 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk