

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

MINUTES  
MAY 4, 2021

A virtual meeting was held via Zoom and telephone call-in on May 4, 2021. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Lucia Ziobro, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, Cathy Delasco, Judy Root, and Jennifer DeCoteau; alternates Roxanne Derlinga, and Maureen Emery; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were member Corrine Dickerson; and students Sean Griffin and Colby Betts.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that L Ziobro and J DeCoteau have tendered their resignations from the Commission. Alternates R Derlinga and M Emery will become members after they are accepted as such at the next Selectmen's meeting and sworn in after that. This leaves the Commission with no alternates. R Galluccio invited any Town resident interested in serving as such to contact either him or K Jacobs.

The East Granby Advisory Committee for The Hartford Foundation is continuing its work to take and review applications for grant money.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on April 6, 2021. L Ziobro made a motion and R Derlinga seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs stated that there are programs resuming in person with social distancing and masks indoors. The foot care program has not resumed because the company is still closed. They expect to reopen late summer or early fall and when they do, those services will resume. The blood pressure clinics run by the Farmington Valley Health District will also hopefully resume in the fall as they are too busy with COVID-19 vaccinations now.

On June 25, 2021, there will be an outdoor Summer Concert weather dependant. Cold lobster roll box lunches with ice cream desserts will be served. Indoor bingo is planned for August 6, 2021.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the State Energy Assistance Program has been extended to June 15, 2021 with reduced requirements. The State Renters Rebate Program is continuing. Starting May 12, 2021, the Emergency Broadband Benefit will be taking applications online from qualifying persons seeking to reduce their monthly cost for the internet.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

No Report

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's  
C McCann stated that she will be sending an email to the last meeting's participants to work towards a date and time for the next meeting, which is to be attended by all the attendees from the last meeting plus the chosen future meeting representative if that is a different person.
- b. Senior Wellness Fair  
K Jacobs stated that she now has a tentative date for the Farmington Valley Health District Flu Clinic, which is the event at which the Fair is held. She will send the date to the Committee so they can inform prior and potential vendors to save the potential date.
- c. Senior Celebration  
Postponed until May, 2022
- d. Greenway Day  
Postponed until September or October, 2021
- e. East Granby Cares  
R Galluccio provided a copy of a press release about this initiative which was written by S Griffin and C Betts. It will be in the next Let's Talk Turkey.
- f. Update "Access to Durable Medical Equipment"  
R Galluccio provided a copy of this update as researched and written by J DeCoteau. F Mara made a motion and M Emery seconded accepting the document as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g. Writing/Sending “Thinking of You” Cards to Seniors

There was a lengthy discussion about the various possibilities concerning what will be written on the cards and to whom the first cards will be sent. The final consensus was to have C McCann work with K Jacobs on the send to list based on the voter registration list of persons 85 and older to start. The notes will be written by the COA volunteers and will be short hellos and good wishes.

There will be an insert consisting of a short list of phone numbers that might be helpful to seniors.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

L Ziobro and J DeCoteau gave parting comments to the Commission; and their fellow Commission members offered good wishes to them.

10. ADJOURN

F Mara made a motion and J Root seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
COA Clerk