

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

A meeting was held on September 7, 2021. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Cathy Delasco, Judy Root, and Roxanne Derlinga; students Colby Betts and Melina Betts; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Absent were members Maureen Emery and Marie Sandora; and alternate David Emery.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio introduced M Betts as the new student participant to the COA. He also introduced Jim Lindberg, who was attending as an observer and potential alternate.

He stated that the East Granby Advisory Group for the Hartford Foundation awarded a grant of \$8,500 to the Town to replace the carpet in the Community Center. First Selectman Jim Hayden told him that at the next Selectmen's meeting, he is going to request a capital project expense to cover the balance of the cost for the new carpet. After their approval, the matter would move to the Board of Finance for their approval. If all goes smoothly, the expectation is that the new carpet will be installed by the end of the year.

A grant was also awarded to UR Community Cares, a non-profit organization which connects residents age 70+, or 18+ who have a temporary or permanent disability, with volunteers who want to provide at-home help. This organization made a presentation to the COA at its April 6, 2021 meeting. They want to get their program going in East Granby and, to that end, will have an article in the next Let's Talk Turkey explaining who they are, what they do, and how they want to move forward to help the East Granby community.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on June 1, 2021. F Mara made a motion and C Dickerson seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

K Jacobs stated that she had some programs occurring. There are two road trips in September and one in early October. The Greenway Walk will be on September 18, 2021, with the help of The East Granby Land Trust. East Granby Cares Day will be on October 23, 2021, with the help of students.

The AARP Driver Safety course was scheduled for November, 2021. AARP has cancelled all such courses for the remainder of the year due to COVID 19.

The Farmington Valley Health District will sponsor the Flu Clinic on October 18, 2021, from 2:30-5:30 pm at the Community Center.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the Energy Assistance Program will be starting October 1, 2021. There will be a Holiday Helpers Program; but the details will depend on what is possible due to COVID 19.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

No report

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

C McCann stated that the planned meeting in June, 2021 was only attended by Simsbury's assignee and not by the Chairpersons and assignees of all the invited Towns. She reached out to the Towns that did not come and got no response. Now that summer is over, she is going to reach out again to have the full meeting now or soon that was planned for June.

b. Greenway Day

C Delasco stated it is planned for September 18, 2021 at 9:30 am. It has been publicized and is ready to go.

c. East Granby Cares

C Betts stated that he will be starting the announcements at school to get volunteers to fill out their contact information forms for the October 23, 2021 event.

d. Writing/Sending "Thinking of You" Cards to Seniors

C McCann stated that the first batch of cards went out to 98 seniors 85 and older. The next batch to be mailed immediately will be sent to 99 seniors 80-84 years old. The next group to be prepared will be sent to 151 seniors 75-79 years old.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Bequest to COA

R Galluccio and K Jacobs stated that Bea Adams posthumously bequeathed \$15,000 to the COA. Ideas for its use were offered; but once the money is received, there will be discussions in earnest by the Commission for its use.

b. COA Brochure

R Galluccio passed out a brochure used by Windsor listing services available to Town seniors. The Commission consensus was that they could work on a similar brochure for East Granby. The idea was tabled until the next meeting.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were comments that it was nice to meet in person again.

10. ADJOURN

C Delasco made a motion and F Mara 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