

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2021

A meeting was held on December 7, 2021 in person and by phone-in. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Corrine Dickerson, Marie Sandora, Cathy Delasco, Judy Root, and Roxanne Derlinga; students Colby Betts, and Melina Betts who arrived at 6:58 pm; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio introduced Eden Wimpfeimer who was attending the meeting. She is the First Selectman elect whose term in office will begin January 3, 2022.

He stated that C Delasco has resigned as a member effective December 31, 2021.

He told the viewing audience that there are member and alternate positions to be filled on the Commission; and that if anyone is interested, please contact either himself or K Jacobs.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on October 5, 2021. C Delasco 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 the winter calendar of events has been posted and started. Among the events, there is a Holiday Luncheon on December 10, 2021; and there is another planned including bingo for January 14, 2022.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that 30 children will be benefiting from the holiday gift drive.

The Energy Assistance Program is taking applications. The State has again waived the assets test due to COVID 19. Only an applicant's income will be considered.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

No report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

C McCann and M Sandora stated that though there has been no recent contact between towns and no current meeting planned, there should be another effort made to have a meeting. The timing of it will be COVID 19 dependent. An action plan was requested for the next meeting by R Galluccio.

b. East Granby Cares

C Betts stated that most of the event happened without a hitch as student volunteers were matched with and assisted people who requested help with various chores. He and M Betts and K Jacobs stated that there was one group of student volunteers who, except for one, did not show up to their assignment. This required assembling replacements quickly. While the person was eventually assisted, it was not acceptable for the students to be no-shows and leave their volunteer work to others at the last moment. K Jacobs stated that the High School is going to address the importance of following through with volunteerism and may introduce this into the curriculum in some way.

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

C McCann stated that around 400 cards were sent to seniors. R Galluccio thanked her and the Commission members who gave their time towards this effort.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2022 Election of Officers

C Delasco made a motion and M Sandora seconded nominating R Galluccio as Chairman and C McCann as Vice Chair for 2022. All were in favor and the motion passed.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

E Wimpfheimer stated that she appreciated the opportunity to learn about the Commission by attending its public meeting.

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

C McCann suggested that the Commission consider conducting a survey among senior residents to find out what they would like the Commission to pursue on their behalf. There was agreement among the members that this was a good idea.

K Jacobs thanked C Delasco for her work on the Commission.

There were general good wishes for safe holidays.

10. ADJOURN

C Delasco made a motion and C Dickerson seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk