

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2022**

A meeting was held on January 4, 2022 both in person and by telephone. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, Judy Root, and Roxanne Derlinga; students Colby Betts and Melina Betts; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs.

Also in attendance was First Selectwoman Eden Wimpfheimer.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio referenced his email to the Commission which includes an article he submitted to Let's Talk Turkey on the Commission's behalf concerning the monetary bequest by Bea Adams

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on December 7, 2021. M Sandora 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 the distribution of rapid test COVID-19 kits and N95 masks has been planned and is awaiting the delivery of the kits and masks, which is imminent.

The Farmington Valley Health District currently has no plans to hold a vaccine booster clinic.

The flooring for the Community Center is nearing the ordering stage. The flooring company thought the best option was to use carpet squares. All that remains before ordering is to view carpet samples to make a final selection of color and type.

The Mid-Winter Gathering luncheon with bingo has been cancelled.

She encouraged any senior who has not done so already to register for the reverse 911 call program.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

R Galluccio read a report from Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. She thanked everyone who generously assisted in the very successful 2021 Holiday Program. Assistance of all kinds was given to 17 families and 30 children. Applications are being taken for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program which is designed to help offset winter heating costs. The Good Samaritan Program and the East Granby Cares day assisted 10 residents with various projects which were mostly outdoors.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

No report

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Have Meetings with Regional COA's

M Sandora stated that she and Cheryl McCann thought that one meeting per year would be doable and sufficient. Planning the next one will continue to be a challenge while COVID-19 is a dominant obstacle. J Root agreed and thought that it would be best to table the initiative for a few months in the hope that the pandemic will subside, and the opportunity becomes more approachable. It was the consensus of the Commission to do this.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were general good wishes for a safe and happy New Year.

10. ADJOURN

C Dickerson made a motion and R Derlinga seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk

