

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2022

A meeting was held on February 1, 2022 both in person and by telephone. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio; members Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, Judy Root, Roxanne Derlinga, and Eden Wimpfheimer; student Colby Betts; Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio asked the television audience to email or call him to let him know they were watching, and to offer comments or suggestions about the meeting. He also stated that the Commission is still seeking three alternates.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on January 4, 2022. 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 the Secret Admirer Program has started for seniors to receive donated gifts or gift certificates from one of four Town vendors. Deliveries are made by persons in costume to make them cheerful and fun.

She has had to cancel February programs due to the lack of people signing up to participate.

The carpet square selection for the Community Center is almost complete.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the Energy Assistance Program is continuing.

There is a couple who have become volunteers under the Good Samaritan Program. High School students have also volunteered for credit to assist with help requests.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

See above and below

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. "State of the Town"

First Selectwoman Eden Wimpfheimer gave a summary of Town finances, projects, new business openings, and events, as well as citing the challenges and opportunities ahead.

B. 2022 COA Initiatives

1. Senior Wellness Fair

K Jacobs stated that the Farmington Valley Flu Shot Clinic, off of which this initiative piggybacks, is currently targeted to be held in October, 2022. This initiative was tabled until April, 2022 when the likelihood of the Clinic might be more clearly known.

2. Senior Celebration

After a discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to revisit this initiative as a spring, 2023 event.

3. Greenway Day

After a discussion which made it clear that this event had not been well attended the several times it was held, it was the consensus of the Commission to table this initiative indefinitely.

4. East Granby Cares

R Galluccio asked C Betts if he thought this could be held in both the spring and fall and he stated that, while he thought the answer was "yes," it is too late to plan for spring, 2022.

5. Good Samaritan Publicity

There was a discussion about the fact that there are volunteers who come forward from time to time as well as high school student volunteers; but there is a continued lack of persons seeking their help beyond East Granby Cares Day. R Galluccio showed a flyer which used to be posted around Town when this initiative first began. It was the consensus of the Commission that copies of it be made and posted around Town again.

6. Bequest to COA

R Galluccio stated that he still thinks the best use of Bea Adams' bequest would be as part of the funding for a retractable awning over the side patio

of the Community Center. The discussion included the high cost of it and how other funding could be acquired. No decisions were made.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There was a general discussion about how new residents can find out about the Town and its retail opportunities and events.

J Root asked K Jacobs to find out whether the VNA could offer COVID-19 booster shots at the same time as the Flu Shot Clinic. She answered that she will keep that request in her notes for when the Clinic is planned.

10. ADJOURN

F Mara made a motion and M Sandora seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele
COA Clerk