

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT
COMMISSION ON AGING**

MINUTES
March 1, 2022

A meeting was held in on March 3, 2022 both in person and on the telephone. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Judy Root, Roxanne Derlinga, and Eden Wimpfheimer; and Director of Senior Services Kelly Jacobs, and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that if anyone needs or knows somebody who needs assistance using telephones because of a hearing impairment, they should check out captioncall.com which has federally funded no cost opportunities for both land lines and cell phones for qualified persons.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on February 1, 2022. F Mara 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 gifts to seniors from secret admirers made deliveries on Saturdays during February to 175 persons. She has published a Senior Moments Calendar of events and trips for April and May. As COVID 19 is becoming less invasive to people's lives, only time will tell if enough seniors will sign up to keep these opportunities on the schedule.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the assistance programs she spoke about last month are still available for those who need them. The State Renter's Rebate Program will begin taking applications after April 1, 2022, and she hopes to have more details at the next meeting.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

R Galluccio introduced Michelle Puzzo, President of UR Community Cares. She

presented an update concerning the organization's efforts to reach out to residents 70 and older, and persons 18 and older with physical disabilities concerning what could be done to assist them beyond what the Good Samaritan Program can do. She stated that there has been virtually no response to their efforts, including finding volunteers to render the assistance needed. It was the consensus of the Commission to arrange for an open house meet and greet in June. The hope is that warmer weather, accompanied by minimal COVID 19, will bring people to the event to find out what the organization offers and perhaps get the help that they, or somebody they know, needs.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Senior Wellness Fair

No new report

b. East Granby Cares

No new report

c. Bequest to COA

The current effort is to use the bequest to build a large pavilion with a concrete pad attached to the south side of the Community Center. Quoted construction costs are being sought from local contractors. There should be a more detailed report at the next meeting.

d. Good Samaritan Publicity

R Galluccio presented a flyer that was used to publicize the Program years ago when it was new. The consensus of the Commission was to make copies and post in public areas of Town Buildings and on commercial bulletin boards where permitted.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

None

10. ADJOURN

E Wimpfheimer made a motion and R Derlinga seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Marsele, COA Clerk

