

**EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT  
COMMISSION ON AGING**

MINUTES  
APRIL 5, 2022

A meeting was held on April 5, 2022 both in person at the East Granby Community Center and by telephone. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members Corrine Dickerson, Felice Mara, Marie Sandora, and Judy Root; and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R Galluccio stated that there is a Town meeting scheduled at the Community Center on the first Tuesday of May. This means that the Commission's meeting cannot be held on that day as originally scheduled. He has booked the Community Center for a Special Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on March 1, 2022. C Dickerson made a motion and J Root seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE/COMING EVENTS

R Galluccio read a report filed by K Jacobs. Spring programs are off to a good start. There is increased participation in programming; and May trips are mostly filled.

Senior and Social Services have been approved for ARPA COVID funding for a licensed therapist to provide one on one therapy sessions which are planned to begin in May.

The carpet replacement in the Senior Center is scheduled to be done April 12-14, 2022. The Senior Center will be closed all three days.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E Cosker stated that the approved licensed therapist is somebody from Granby. Private appointments will be offered several days a week. At first, the appointments will be for individuals; and later there is the hope for group appointments.

She stated that the State Renters Rebate Program for persons 65 and older or 100% disabled has begun taking applications and will do so until October 1, 2022. It is income based and typically 60-75 people qualify for rebates.

She spoke about the Medicare Savings Program. At the very least, persons who qualify for either the State Homeowners Program or the State Renters Rebate program would be eligible.

5. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

See below

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Senior Wellness Fair

No report

b. East Granby Cares

No report

c. Bequest to COA

R Galluccio stated that the planned permanent roof structure to be built over the patio on the south side of the Community Center is in the design and cost phase. Once that is complete, construction bids will be accepted.

d. Good Samaritan Publicity

R Galluccio stated that he has the posters and that posting locations need to be determined. He also suggested that it be reduced in size and attached to a refrigerator magnet for mailing to the same 500+ seniors to whom "Thinking of You" cards were sent with an emergency contacts magnet. The consensus of the Commission was that this was a good idea; but that the wording on the poster encouraging volunteers to contact senior/social services should be changed to wording encouraging persons who need the volunteer assistance to contact them.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

9. COMMENTS FROM COA

There were thank you wishes from Commission members to their Secret Admirers; and statements that it was a wonderful program that should be done again.

10. ADJOURN

C Dickerson made a motion and C McCann seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara A. Marsele  
COA Clerk