

**COMMISSION ON AGING
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

01/03/2023

A meeting was held on January 3rd, 2023. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, and Vice Chair Cheryl McCann; members, Mattia Brose, Pam Carroll, Eden Wimpfheimer, Holly Corcoran, Alternate John Kiang and Director of Social Services Elise Cosker. Marie Sandora and Judy Root were available on the phone.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R. Galluccio announced that Mattia Brose has been reappointed as a member. E. Wimpfheimer and H. Corcoran have both been appointed as members (from their previous position as alternates). H. Corcoran has not been sworn in yet so she will not be voting. The previous month's meeting saw 34 viewers of the public broadcast. R. Galluccio stated in lieu of the first meeting of the year and the order of business that accompanies, Joe Doering and Steve Hall were invited to attend. Joe Doering respectfully declined the invitation and Steve Hall abstained from responding

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There were no corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on the sixth of December 2022 (12-06-2022). J. Kiang made a motion and P. Carroll seconded accepting the minutes as written. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE

R. Galluccio mentioned that the Secret Senior Admirer Program will be returning next month.

3. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE

E. Cosker reported the Holiday Gift Program went very well serving approximately 50 children. This was a noticeably high number. New volunteers from the Westminster School in Simsbury came to help. The parish of Sacred Heart Church in Suffield (with many parishioners from East Granby) joined us to help as well. Allgrove School did coats for the Labors of Love program. Age limit for program was raised from 18 to also being able to include college students. E. Cosker remarked that despite the increase for assistance, the community stepped up and helped those in need. The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and Operation Fuel continue to offer assistance with heating/energy costs. Operation Fuel has raised the income limit/threshold for eligibility. Detailed information in Talk Turkey and on the town website.

4. GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Bequest to COA

The commission discussed the plan for the new gazebo proposed for the senior center. A gazebo can be a more cost-effective addition. The commission will look into the costs and feasibility of that.

b. Good Samaritan Publicity

A new brochure design for the Good Samaritan was proposed in an effort to get people who need help to ask for help. M. Sandora made a motion to vote on the brochure and P. Carroll seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. It was decided to add the page to this month's Let's Talk Turkey.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. State of the Town

First Selectwoman and COA member Eden Wimpfheimer delivered the State of the Town address to the commission. Included in her address, she honored Doreen Jacius's life and service in our community as our town librarian. She mentioned change, resilience, and growth of town in 2022 including: new assistant tax collector fulfilling their duties, collection agency recovering \$45,000 of old monies at no cost to town, the retirement of Mary Ellen Brown as assessor and her successor and daughter, Donna Murphy, a new finance director to assist budgeting and saving money, a new Fire Department administrator, a new police officer and a new school resource officer. Future projects and plans in town were also touched upon.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No report

8. COMMENTS FROM COA

No report

9. ADJOURN

J. Kiang made a motion and J. Root seconded adjourning the meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Daddario
COA Clerk

