

**COMISSON ON AGING
EAST GRANBY, CT
Minutes
May 2, 2023**

A meeting was held on May 2, 2023 both in person and by telephone. Chairman Richard Galluccio called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. In attendance were Chairman Richard Galluccio, Members Marie Sandora, Corrine Dickerson, Pam Carroll, Holly Corcoran, Mattia Brose, Alternate John Kiang, and student member Melina. Also in attendance were Kelly Jacobs, Director of Senior Services and Elise Cosker, Director of Social Services. Judy Root attended by phone. Vice Chair Cheryl McCann, member Eden Wimpfheimer and student member James Fagnant were unable to attend.

1. OPENING REMARKS

R. Galluccio stated that 24 people watched last month meeting and announced there are now two open positions for alternates. R. Galluccio thanked student member Melina Betts for all of the hard work that she has done. "She continues a long line of students who have successfully served the COA". Melina said that her sister, Maya, will be taking the open student position on this committee.

2. MINUTES

There were no corrections to last month's minutes. A motion was made by J.Kiang and C.Dickerson seconded the motion to approve last month's minutes. No one abstained from the minutes. Approval of the minutes was unanimous.

3. SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE

K.Jacobs reported "The Senior Moments" newsletter for summer is almost done. The Buddy Holly show is full. However, there will be a painting class on June 9th, summer concert on June 16th, and a yard goat game sometime in August. Please reach out to K. Jacobs if you have any further questions regarding senior services.

4. SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE –

E.Cosker reported the "Renter's Rebate" program started on April 1st and will be open until October 1, 2023. Energy Assistance applications are available until May 31, 2023. However, they might be extended. E. Cosker also reported that social services is starting their "Back to School" assistance program. They collect gift cards (from Target, Walmart, Staples, etc) for school supplies and pass them out to families in August so they can go back to school shopping. For more information about these three programs, please call social services for more information.

5. OLD BUSINESS –

a. **Senior wellness fair –**

C.McCann was not present at this meeting. The committee thought it would be better to talk more about tasks and responsibilities at the June meeting when Cheryl is able to attend. The date of the senior wellness fair is on Monday October 16th time TBD.

b. **Bequest to COA**

R.Galluccio reported the pavilion has been ordered. Hopefully the concrete will be talked about during the town meeting on July 1st. If all goes well, they will start to put together the pavilion in August.

c. **East Granby Cares –**

Six (6) seniors were helped this Spring by some 24 students. Melina reported that they heard from two people they helped on East Granby Cares Day that were happy with the support. J.Root was one of the participants and commented, "Property is 110% better than what it was before the kids came". R.Galluccio told J.Root to spread the word for the fall. Another East Granby Cares Day will be held in Fall 2023. Announcement will be addressed in September of what specific day that will be.

d. **Senior Celebrations**

K.Jacobs produced a list of everyone in East Granby who is 90 or older. That list came to 39 people. K.Jacobs got catering food cost minimum of a \$1000 quote, about \$30 a person. H.Corcoran also got a catering food cost around \$15 a person of brunch option. Melina contacted Alison Chaloux at East Granby High School if they could provide entertainment. Melinda reported that because September is a new school year, it is a new band. This would mean limited options for entertainment. K.Jacobs reported that she contacted bands in the past for events and they cost around \$350-400. E.Cosker brings up a point of if there is one student that sticks out that has experience that could play piano or an instrument at the celebration. M.Brose will make changes to the official senior celebrations flyer to say "Commission on Aging". C.Dickerson, M.Brose, H.Corcoran, and R.Galluccio will be responsible for sending out invitations in August to about 10 people each. K.Jacobs will go on to Amazon to see if she can get purple envelopes for the invitations. It was agreed upon by the committee that we would mail invites on August 16 and RSVP by September 2th. Sending invitations also need to be sent to the East Granby Board of Selectman and our Connecticut elected officials. There will no special speaker at the bunch. Thoughts of if Representative Tami Zawistowski and/or First Selectwomen Eden Wimpfheimer to give a quick 5-minute introduction. E. Cosker and J.Root talked about sending a little arrangement for those who cannot attend.

6. NEW BUSINESS –

For June's meeting, R.Galluccio has concerns of hosting our meeting somewhere else that is not at the East Granby Town Hall or Community Center and suggested we host our COA meeting as usual then go to Higley on a different date in June or over the summer for more people to attend those meetings. C.Dickerson had an idea of calling these extra meetings in July and August a "Dessert Social". M.Brose volunteered for creating a flyer for the dessert social. These dessert socials will be held on Tuesday July 11th at Higley around 6:00-7:00 pm and Tuesday August 1st at Metacomet around 6:00-7:00 pm.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

None

8. COMMENTD FROM THE COA –

Majority of the committee wanted to congratulate Melina for graduating from East Granby High School this upcoming June. K. Jacobs wanted to do an additional shoutout to say thank you to all the east Granby cares residents.

9. ADJURON

C.Dickerson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by J.Kiang. Approval was unanimous with no abstentions. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Corcoran
Voting Member, COA