

**COMISSON ON AGING (COA)
EAST GRANBY (EG), CT
Minutes
October 3, 2023**

A meeting was held on October 3, 2023 both in person and by telephone. Vice-Chairman Cheryl McCann called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm, with the following in attendance:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betts, Maya (Student)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacobs, Kelly (Senior Services)
<input type="checkbox"/> Brose, Mattia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kiang, John
<input type="checkbox"/> Carroll, Pam	<input type="checkbox"/> McCann, Cheryl (Vice Chair)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corcoran, Holly	<input type="checkbox"/> McCloskey, Nora
<input type="checkbox"/> Cosker, Elise (Social Services)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Root, Judy - via phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dickerson, Corrine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sandora, Marie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fagnant, James (Student)	<input type="checkbox"/> Wimpfheimer, Eden
<input type="checkbox"/> Galluccio, Richard (Chairman)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hastings, Katie (Clerk)	

COA Guests

None

OPENING REMARKS

The COA was informed of Chairman, Rich Galluccio's, passing. The COA expressed a profound appreciation for Rich's impact on our community as well as his work for and dedication to the Commission.

MINUTES

- Motion made by Holly Corcoran and seconded by John Kiang to approve last month's minutes passed unanimously.

SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE (K.Jacobs)

- Upcoming Senior Center Events: Vineyard trip, trip to Florence Griswold Museum, AARP Driver Safety class, Flu Clinic, and Wellness Fair
- Noted several successful events held in September

SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE (C.McCann on behalf of E.Cosker)

- CT Energy Assistance Program - Applications available September 2, 2023
- Applications may be submitted by phone, in person, and (new) online
- Eversource offers Low-Income Discount Rate for electric customers
- Information can be found on Social Services or Eversource websites
- Operation Fuel - emergency energy assistance available for those who fall outside of or have exhausted other means
- Information can be found at <https://operationfuel.org/gethelp>

- Holiday Gift Giving Program - Allows gift giver to be anonymously matched with a family in town
 - Contact Social Services if interested in donating

GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM (K.Jacobs/E.Cosker)

- Date: October 21, 2023
- New transportation option, Greater Hartford RSVP, available outside of EG bus operating hours and uses volunteer drivers
- EG Bus offers Library Days on Tuesdays and Thursdays, trip is treated like an appointment
 - Note: Medical appointments will receive priority in scheduling

OLD BUSINESS

- September COA meeting had 147 views

NEW BUSINESS

- 2023 Senior Celebration
 - Slide show of pictures was sent to COA
 - Guests appreciated the event, enjoyed the food and personalized gifts, and look forward to future celebrations
 - Catering through Harvest Cafe
 - Very good turn out and included guests who typically may not attend other town programs
- Bea Adams Bequest to COA
 - Remaining funds may be needed for fan and electrical work on gazebo outside of Community/Senior Center
 - Plaque will likely be ready in November, possibility of working with Selectman's office to coordinate dedication celebration
- EG Cares
 - 16 Seniors have signed up
 - Volunteer forms are currently out with students and are due next week
- Senior Wellness Fair/Flu Clinic
 - Confirm email to 24 vendors will be going out (not including internal EG booths)
 - Help needed:
 - Create brochure: Marie volunteered
 - Pull together and print materials for COA table
 - Purchase main raffle prize and gifts
 - Purchase small waters (Costco): Cheryl to provide Corrine with count
 - Gift cards for punch card prizes (Suggestions: CVS, Stop and Stop, Geisslers): Corrine volunteered
 - Approximately 60/70 people expected for flu clinic, plus walk-ins
 - COA gift for those who sign in at front table: flashlight/light up pen lanyard (likely 150 minimum)

- Flyers to be posted in EG and nearby towns: libraries, groceries, small businesses, senior centers

- Votes for Chair/Vice-Chair will be held in December, to begin in January 2024

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- None

COMMENTS FROM THE COA

- All express appreciation for Rich's work and dedication to the Commission, the COA will continue his work. Any information on his service will be shared when available.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by John Kiang, seconded by Corrine Dickerson, was approved unanimously at 7:42 pm.