

**COMISSON ON AGING (COA)  
EAST GRANBY (EG), CT  
Minutes  
November 7, 2023**

A meeting was held on November 7, 2023 both in person and by telephone. Vice-Chairman Cheryl McCann called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm, with the following in attendance:

<input type="checkbox"/> Betts, Maya (Student)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacobs, Kelly (Senior Services)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brose, Mattia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kiang, John
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carroll, Pam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McCann, Cheryl (Vice Chair)
<input type="checkbox"/> Corcoran, Holly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> McCloskey, Nora
<input checked="" 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**

John Webster

**OPENING REMARKS**

- Vote for open positions will be held at December meeting.

**MINUTES**

- Motion made by John Kiang, and seconded by Judy Root, to approve last month's minutes passed unanimously.

**SENIOR SERVICES UPDATE (K.Jacobs)**

- Newsletter going to printer tomorrow, expected in households before Thanksgiving
- Several trips (Ex: Yankee Candle) and Annual Holiday Lunch (\$20) coming up, details can be found in Talk Turkey
- Conversation around follow up items from Higley and Metacomet Village visits

**SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE (Cosker)**

- Holiday Program - Holiday gifts donated to local children (newborns through college age)
- Energy Assistance
  - Income thresholds:
    - Household of one - \$41,553
    - Household of two - \$54,338
  - Additional household info and applications available online
  - Suggestion for COA to proactively make calls to seniors informing citizens of program

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

- No updates

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- September Celebration
  - Finalized expenses will be provided at next meeting
- Bequest to COA
  - Approximately \$3,300 remains for electrical work in gazebo
  - Plan for celebration in Spring 2024
- East Granby Cares
  - Rescheduled for Saturday, November 11
  - 30 Students are expected to reach 17/18 houses for outdoor work
  - Those who registered after the deadline may not be covered in the Fall, will reach those homes in Spring
- Senior Wellness Fair
  - Fair and flu clinic were well attended (30-40 attendees) but lower than previous years
    - Earlier/wider advertising would be beneficial
    - Flyers are no-cost and should be utilized to spread word in nearby towns
  - Thank you to the building department for set up and to Lee Galluccio for desserts
  - Attendees enjoyed raffle/punch tickets

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Membership Renewals
  - Voting in December (Chair, Vice-Chair, Social/Communications), positions to begin in January
- Review COA website information
  - Marie will review website and compile potential updates for discussion at next meeting
- Revisit COA Mission Statement:
  - "East Granby Commission on Aging's mission is to establish in the Town of East Granby the most effective programs relating to health, welfare, education, recreation, and transportation for senior residents/senior caregivers."
  - Suggestion to amend COA statement to include People with Disabilities
  - Discussion around best town group/area to house an effort to include those with disabilities in programs/outreach efforts
    - Initial conversations should be directed to Town Clerk and possibly Selectman's office
    - Corrine will reach out
- 2024 Initiatives
  - Request to begin brainstorming ideas for future discussion

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

- None

**COMMENTS FROM THE COA**

- Holiday Party, December 5, 2023

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn made by John Kiang, seconded by Corrine Dickerson, was approved unanimously at 7:49 pm.