Commission on Aging
East Granby, CT

Minutes
October 7, 2025
East Granby Community Center/ 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Cheryl Bermani McCann, Chairwoman, Cathy Delasco, Vice Chairperson, John Kiang, Warren Miltimore, Marie Sandora, Lee Galluccio, Jess Kuqi, Pam Carroll, Danny Jacius, Eden Wimpfheimer, Kelly Jacobs, Elise Cosker

Opening Remarks – Cheryl called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending tonight's celebration. Pictures and videos were taken and will be shared. Lee thanked everyone who contributed and will be sure she shares the pictures with her children.

Minutes of Past Meeting - ***MOTION:*** A motion was made by Cathy Delasco, seconded by John Kiang to accept the September 2, 2025 minutes as presented ***Motion passed.***

Senior Services Update – Kelly reported Cares Day is coming up and 12 residents are signed up. Danny reported at the end of the meeting there are 25 students participating and he will be working on organizing the groups. Kelly also reported she has 7 people signed up wanting to attend the legal program and 5 people signed up for the balance program. She noted the seniors are looking forward to the upcoming trips. They will be going to a winery, the Scarecrow's on Main in historic Wethersfield. Upcoming in November will be lunch bunch and the AARP drivers safety course as well as a cognitive presentation.

Social Services Update - Elise Cosker reported the Renters Rebate program is closed. Energy Assistance program is underway. The household income guidelines for this year are a household of one with income of up to $47,764 and a household of two $62,460. Anyone interested in applying can reach out to Elise's office or access information and applications from the link on the Social Services website. The holiday gift program continues and if anyone is interested in being a sponsor or making a donation, they can reach out to Elise in Social Services.

OLD BUSINESS

Review COA website information/PowerPoint Uploads for events – Marie reported it is a work in progress as a lot is going on. She will continue to work with Eden. No further information on the PowerPoint at this time.

2024 Initiatives

Free Atty Elder Law program – Cheryl reported we are all set for Saturday, November 8th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Cheryl will create a flyer to be put out at the Wellness Fair.

Rich Galluccio Sunshine fund – Lee Galluccio sent fruit to a resident at Higley. She will be setting up a sign at the Wellness Fair along with a jar and balloons.

New Services Listing for Seniors – Tabled until next meeting. A discussion took place regarding medical devises. East Granby works with Granby with the loaner closet. The closet carries smaller items such as canes, walkers, commodes and shower chairs. There are links on our website.

Plaque for Rich Galluccio fall celebration – The celebration tonight was really nice. Thank you to the committee for the nice plaque, it compliments well and looks great on the rock.

Balance and Fall Prevention Program/Class – Cheryl noted the date we chose will not work. After a long discussion, it was suggested to reschedule to March 14th or March 21st. Kelly Jacobs will check the calendar. ***MOTION:*** A motion was made by John Kiang, seconded by Jess Kuqi to move the program to the spring. ***Motion passed.***

Senior Art Show – Jess Kuqi reached out to Monique from the library and they began discussing the logistics of the "Senior Art and Achievement Show." Jess is working on the flyer and will have it ready for the next meeting. The show will take place in May 2026. Cheryl will do a flyer to put out at the Wellness Fair.

Financial Scams, "Scones & Scams – Tabled as the committee previously decided to hold this program spring of 2026.

Farmers Market Participation – Cheryl thanked Warren and the members who have worked the market. It was noted there was not much interest. Marie noted we were able to advertise the Wellness Fair.

Wellness Fair Committee Assignments – Cheryl recapped what duties needed to be covered for the fair. We will have our own table and will also have the town library's information on our table. Kelly and Elise will be there to represent their departments. This year Cheryl asked the vendors that their raffle gifts to be at a value of $25.00 or more. This is a requirement for their entry as there is not a cost for their table. They are also asked to bring give-a-ways. Cheryl will reimburse for purchasing the 3 COA gift cards. There will be a $30.00, $25.00 and a $20.00 gift card as prizes for the punch card drawing. Kelly has graciously in the past been great delivering the gifts to the winners. Cheryl asked the committee members to talk up the Wellness Fair on their own Facebook pages.

NEW BUSINESS

We have a lot going on for now.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None

COMMENTS FROM COA – Nice to see everyone. Looking forward to a success fair. Eden thanked everyone for all their hard work. Cathy announced she will need to step down as vice chairperson. She wanted to give the committee enough notice looking ahead for when we appoint officers. Lee noted the UCONN band is going to March at next year's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

ADJOURN - *MOTION:* A motion was made by Cathy Delasco, seconded by Warren Miltimore to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mattera