Commission on Aging

East Granby, CT

Minutes

March 4, 2025

East Granby Community Center/ 6:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Cathy Delasco ~ Vice Chairwoman, John Kiang, Warren Miltimore, Pam Carroll, Tom Ferdman, Lee Galluccio, Alternate, Elise Cosker Social Services, Kelly Jacobs, Senior Services, Donna Mattera, Clerk

1. **Opening Remark -** Vice Chairwoman Cathy Delasco called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Cathy thanked everyone for coming. She reported the Valentines cards were delivered and thanked the East Granby Youth Action groups for making the cards. Warren and Cathy received heart warm thank you's as they delivered the cards.
2. **Minutes of Past Meeting -** ***MOTION:*** A motion was made by John Kiang, seconded by Warren Miltimore to accept the February 4, 2025 as presented. ***Motion passed.***
3. **Senior Services Update** –Kelly noted the spring newsletter for March/April/May is complete. There are many upcoming events taking place. Up next is a cupcake decorating session with 24 people participating. Also planned is a movie in Manchester, a trip to Old Mystic, lunch bunch, tax assistant services located in Bloomfield, Windsor or Granby sponsored by AARP, Cares Day and many more offerings. Talk Turkey and the Senior Services newsletters are a great reference for programs being offered.
4. **Social Services Update** – Elise Cosker reported Social Services also has submitted information to Talk Turkey. She noted the Renter's Rebate program is open from April 1st until October 1st. Social Services has more information for those interested in applying and community members can contact her. She also promoted Cares Day in her Talk Turkey write up. This year they added a deadline to submit needs which is April 12th. This will help plan for the students and volunteers.
5. **Good Samaritan Program** - Nothing to report. Kelly and Elise feel this should come off future agendas. They believe Cares Day takes care of a lot of the needs that are requested.
6. **Old Business**

Review COA Website Information – Tabled to next meeting.

PowerPoint Presentation – Tabled to next meeting.

2024 Initiatives

1. **Technical lessons on phone/pc** – Cathy reported the town library has been secured for April 15th. From 9:00-10:00 a.m. The students will be there to help assist seniors with their technology needs.
2. **Free Atty Elder Law Program** -Tabled to next meeting. Kelly noted if Senior Services was to host the event, she would be looking towards her fall schedule.
3. **Rich Galluccio's Sunshine Fund** - Lee reported the balance available. Cathy would like to suggest we bring some sunshine to a fellow member who recently lost a parent. Lee and Cathy will work together. Kelly Jacobs noted she will be promoting the Sunshine fund in her next summer newsletter.

New Services Listing for Seniors – Tabled to next meeting.

EG Cares Day Spring Date Options – The deadline for to sign up is April 12th. Information will be in the March edition of Talk Turkey under Senior Services and Social Services.

Plaque for Rich Galluccio Hydrangea - The plaque is in. A future date needs to be decided for the dedication. Lee would like to let her children know in advance of the date to give them the opportunity to attend. They will be traveling from out of state. It was suggested to wait until the hydrangeas might be in bloom, possibly the month of June was suggested.

Alzheimer Program – Tabled to next meeting

7. **New Business**

Vote for Initiatives for 2025 - Cathy handed out paper ballots, committee members filled them out and returned them. They will be tallied and a discussion will take place at next month's meeting.

Tech w/Teens, April 15 9:00-10:00 – See above under Old Business.

Understanding Hospice, April 1 @ Meeting – Cathy's daughter, a hospice nurse will be presenting at the next COA meeting with the public invited to attend. She anticipates the presentation will be one hour including questions and answers. Light refreshments will be served. Information was submitted and will be in the March Talk Turkey edition.

8. **Comments from COA** – Everyone thanked Cathy and complimented her on a nice meeting and great timing! John Kiang volunteered to reach out to the property manager of Metacomet Homes to see if they had an interest of the COA visiting both Metacomet and Higley Village. Last summer the committee met at each place, inviting residents to join them. Kelly Jacobs suggested it be placed on the agenda for next month.

9. **Adjournment - MOTION:** a motion was made by John Kiang, seconded by Tom Ferdman to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. ***Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Mattera