

Meeting Minutes  
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT  
Commission for the Aging  
Special Meeting  
Easton Senior Center  
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM. Present were Gail V. Gay, Karen Martin, Mary Pajonas, Joel Peskay, Margaret Silvestri, Lisa Tasi, and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent-Senior Social Services. Linda Dollard and Phyllis Machledt were excused and not present.

*\* Since the meeting agenda was received at Town Clerk's office on 9/6/16, no decisions or formal votes can be made.*

1. The minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup> special meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Margaret Silvestri and seconded by Karen Martin. *\* The June minutes will be formerly presented for review and voted upon for approval at the October meeting, along with the September minutes.*
2. Unfinished Business
  - a. MCS Fund  
Status is same on the MCS fund. Newly appointed Finance Director, Christine Calvert, is currently reviewing the fiduciary processes of the Town and will revert with more information to the CFA concerning the Fund.
3. New Business
  - a. One Difficult MA cases  
Alison provided an update on a senior welfare case which occurred during the summer months. The CFA gave feedback and discussed the nature of this case in conjunction with general senior problems of health and communication in tandem with caregivers and legal issues. Alison would like to address general topics of interest that can render proactive steps and educate seniors.
  - b. Cell Tower  
The MA office is concerned that appropriate and timely outreach in emergency situations cannot be achieved if there is no communication, especially in lower Easton area where currently there is no cell tower. The CFA discussed the problem of cellular coverage. Joel will contact the First Selectman to inquire the status of the cell towers vis-à-vis the various cell carriers' interest to actually build the tower in area south of SSES.
  - c. Program Suggestions by Mary Pajonas  
Ideas for proposed presentations and workshops were presented by Mary and discussed by the CFA members. Alison will review for possible set up.

- d. Upcoming Meeting with New Easton Police Chief  
Alison will be meeting with Tim Shaw, new Easton Police Chief to discuss various senior issues and important Law Enforcement topics. He will be speaking at the ESC next month.
- e. Municipal Agent's Report  
Alison Witherbee had a busy summer coordinating for seniors and attending seminars and workshops. She will be visiting Bridges which has a memory care residential facility, the GBESC (Greater Bridgeport Elderly Services Council) and The Southern CT Service Unit programs (via Salvation Army) to gain information on programs and outreach. She is setting up Fall Medicare Open Enrollment sessions and planning to deliver meals, along with Pam Healey, to homebound seniors /caregivers from the St. Dimitrie festival this weekend.
- f. SCWAA Report  
There was no report presented at this meeting.  
(Southwestern CT Agency on Aging - <http://www.swcaa.org>).
- g. Review of M.A. Job Description  
This topic was tabled until next meeting.
- h. Other items  
CFA members provided updates on local summer happenings.

4. Next meeting

The Commission's next meeting, "Special Meeting", will be held on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

5. Adjourn:

Gail V. Gay moved to adjourn the meeting, Joel Peskay seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved and agreed upon at 6:35 PM.

Submitted by,  
Lisa V. Tasi, Secretary, Commission for the Aging