

Meeting Minutes  
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT  
Commission for the Aging  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday April 3rd, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 pm. Present were Linda Dollard, Gail V. Gay, Mary Pajonas, Joel Peskay, Lisa Tasi and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent-Senior Social Services. Phyllis Machledt and Karen Martin were not present.

The minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was reviewed and approved on a motion by Gail V. Gay and Joel Peskay.

1. Unfinished Business

a. MCS Fund

Alison provided a Transaction Confirmation report from Christine Calvert on the MCS Fund.

2. New Business

a. Follow up on Request for Funds from MCS Fund

Alison updated the members with regards to a financially burdened senior's need for orthotics. She will be contacting BioMetrics, which specializes in custom orthotics and prosthetics for adults and children, to discuss the status of the orthotics and possible payment of the items via the MCS Fund. The members were in agreement for follow through on the situation.

<http://biometricsct.com/>

b. Update on HomeFront

The deadline is approaching for selecting a low-income homeowner to receive free repairs and beautification to their home. Alison has contacted the organization which said that the final determinations for selection are in progress. The first HomeFront Day (which is held the first Saturday in May) took place in 1988 and has since become an independent program fully focused on expanding housing needs to low-income homeowners.

<http://www.homefrontprogram.org/>

c. Idea for Presentation on Scams

Based on ideas shared at CFA meetings and most importantly recent local incidents, Alison is planning on a Presentation to discuss "Scams and Fraud Protection". There are an alarming number of notifications from CT residents, especially seniors, who are being targeted by scammers claiming to be from the IRS, utility services or financial institutions. Some are even being "sued" for monetary damages or are being "threatened" to send money immediately.

Alison has planned a Friday morning May 19<sup>th</sup> event which will take place at the ESC with Easton Chief of Police, Timothy Shaw and a representative from People's United Bank who specializes in fraud and scams. A light breakfast will be served. Planning details are already in progress.

The importance of fighting fraud was announced in January 2017 as a unique educational collaboration between People's United Bank, N.A. and the AARP Fraud Watch Network, with the goal of better protecting consumers in the northeast region against fraud and scams.

[https://www.peoples.com/peoples/Footer/Security-Center/Fighting-Fraud-with-AARP?cm\\_sp=Personal\\_Home\\_Page-\\_-Today\\_At\\_Peoples-\\_-AAPR01122017](https://www.peoples.com/peoples/Footer/Security-Center/Fighting-Fraud-with-AARP?cm_sp=Personal_Home_Page-_-Today_At_Peoples-_-AAPR01122017)

[http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/money/scams\\_fraud/2014-09/Watchdog-Alert-Handbook-13-Ways-Con-Artists-Steal-Your-Money-AARP.PDF](http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/money/scams_fraud/2014-09/Watchdog-Alert-Handbook-13-Ways-Con-Artists-Steal-Your-Money-AARP.PDF)

d. Municipal Agent's Report

Alison and Pam Healy contacted @150 Easton seniors on how to be mindful and prepared in advance of the snowstorm which took place on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Luckily the storm tracked closer to the coast, bringing in warmer air and far less snow than expected. As there have been recent scams to seniors in the past month, Alison is organizing a presentation solely dedicated to Seniors and Scams. This will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup>. A SWCCA counselor will be providing another update to seniors on Medicare Savings Program and the Senior Medicare Patrol.

Medicare Savings Programs are programs that pay Medicare premiums/deductibles/co-insurance fees for eligible individuals. Individuals must meet certain income and asset limits to qualify for Medicare Savings Programs. Both Medicare Part A and Part B have deductibles and co-insurance fees that vary depending on the service.

<https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-program/medicare-savings-programs.html>

<https://www.smpresource.org/>

Alison will also be attending upcoming conferences in the area.

e. SWCCA Report

There was no report at this meeting. Phyllis Machledt is the SWCCA representative. SWCCA meets the second Wednesday of the month. (Southwestern CT Agency on Aging – <http://www.swcca.org> )

f. Other Items

The CFA Members reviewed status of members and term limits for the CFA with information provided by Christine Halloran, Easton Town Clerk.

The idea of having another Senior presentation by Joshua Peskay of [www.rountabletechnology.com](http://www.rountabletechnology.com) is being reviewed. It would involve cyber security and weave in the 'Teen Tech project'.

3. Next Meeting

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

4. Adjourn

Gail V. Gay moved to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Tasi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:25 PM.

Submitted by,

Lisa V. Tasi, Secretary, Commission for the Aging