

Meeting Minutes

Commission for the Aging Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – Monday, February 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM. Present were Anne Hughes, Phyllis Machledt, Karen Martin, Melinda O'Brien, Lisa Tasi and Eileen Zimmerman / Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director. Linda Dollard was not present.

1. Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the December 3, 2018 monthly meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by the members present on a motion by Karen Martin and Anne Hughes.

2. Ongoing Business

A. MCS Report

The monthly recap was furnished by the Town Finance Director, Christine Calvert

3. New Business

A. Municipal Agent's Report

Eileen Zimmerman has been working on the Fuel Assistance and Medicare Savings Programs applications. Some seniors have inquired about Tax Relief and they have been referred to the Tax office for follow through on application forms. The Easton Police and Easton Senior Center is spearheading a program "Safe Seniors Program", that will take place of the "RUOK" Program. Seniors will have an option to provide the Easton Police with a home key for emergency access. The ESC will notify police if there is a need for a home check. Eileen will be meeting tomorrow with the Salvation Army to discuss the year ahead in its programs and review the Holiday Kettle Bell event. Lisa Alhabal from SWCCA will be at the ESC on March 26th, 2019 from 11 AM to 12 Noon for a presentation on Medicare Savings Programs and How to Prevent Medicare Fraud. A meeting was held on January 24th to review the 2019 Budget; Eileen Zimmerman, Lisa Tasi, Christine Calvert and Adam Dunsby were present.

Eileen has tendered her resignation as Municipal Agent. In her January 22nd, 2019 letter to the First Selectman, she informed her last day would be February 12th, 2019. There were no written reasons for her resignation. She will though assist in best capacity to steady her responsibilities before her departure. Earlier in the month, Outreach Worker Pam Healy retired after some 30 years. The CFA will be working with the Town Hall with regards to reviewing the job descriptions and the hiring search. First Selectman Adam Dunsby was present for this portion of the meeting for open discussion with CFA members. Due to the importance of the matter, the CFA will be holding a special meeting within two weeks.

B. Discussion on Programs

The 2019 Project was reviewed and more input was received from members. Updates are forthcoming and will be reviewed at the March monthly meeting.

C. SWCCA Report

There was no report given.

D. Other Updates

CFA Members reviewed calendars for best possible time for special meeting within two weeks to discuss the roles of the MA and Outreach Worker and updated criteria for requirements in the two positions. A Special Agenda will be sent to the Town Clerk in anticipation for this session.

4. Next Meeting

The Commission's next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the ESC from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Agenda will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for proper posting.

5. Adjourn

Anne Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melinda O'Brien seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:20 PM.

Submitted by,
Commission for the Aging
L. Tasi