

Meeting Minutes

Commission for the Aging Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – Monday, June 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM. Present were Linda Dollard, Phyllis Machledt, Karen Martin, Melinda O'Brien, Lisa Tasi and Alternate Member Nanette Dewester. Member Anne Hughes was not present.

1. Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May 6, 2019 monthly meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by the members present on a motion by Melinda O'Brien and Linda Dollard.

2. Ongoing Business

A. MCS Report

No update at this meeting.

3. New Business

A. Municipal Agent Update

Alison Witherbee has been very busy with her new responsibilities as Municipal Agent / Social Services Director and Outreach Worker. Recently she has been doing lots of outreach due to some seniors' deaths. She is also working on revising the "Companions/Home Health Aid" list so that it will have valid information for those who need services. She also is rewording the MA job description for the Town of Easton HR department, in correlating all the duties and responsibilities. Alison is also in process for her re-certification as a CHOICES counselor. CHOICES volunteers become certified to assist Medicare beneficiaries with education and information.

She recently attended a program at Helen Keller Middle School, "Keller Connects", which aligns students and seniors in social outreach. She is reviewing projects which are associated at the local chapter of the National Charity League for a possible collaboration.

Alison will be presenting a talk on Assisted Living and Home Health Care on Tuesday, July 16th at the ESC. She is also setting up an outreach group designed for examining cultural and developmental issues with women as they age and the challenges they face. More programs will be planned for Fall 2019.

B. Discussion on Programs

An update was given by Lisa Tasi with regards to the 2019 Project. She made a final review in collaboration with the marketing team for its design, printing and mailing.

C. SWCCA Report

Phyllis Machledt provided an update on SWCCA (<https://www.swcaa.org>)

Alison Witherbee attended the SWCCA meeting along with Phyllis and will now be the contract from Easton. Most members are either Municipal Agents or Senior Center Directors, so having Alison on board representing Easton will be most beneficial. SWCCA is currently reevaluating the grants which were given out last year. The next meeting will be on June 17th. Certified CHOICES volunteers assist Medicare beneficiaries with education and information.

D. Other Updates

There were no other updates.

E. Open Discussion

Alison Witherbee will reach out to Pam Healy for any further suggestions on the Senior List.

Melinda O'Brien will supply information on the National Charity League and contacts.

Lisa Tasi will update members on status of project and drop dates.

The CFA will plan to assist Alison for refreshments at the Tuesday, July 16th presentation.

CFA members discussed having a 'special meeting' for updates sometime in mid-summer. Dates are being explored for timing due to vacations and schedules. July 22nd may be a possibility.

4. Next Meeting

There is no regular monthly meeting of the CFA during the summer months – July and August.

The next meeting, a special meeting, will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the ESC as Monday, September 2nd, 2019 is Labor Day.

The agenda will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for proper posting.

5. Adjourn

Karen Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phyllis Machledt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:20 PM.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging

L. Tasi