

Meeting Minutes

Commission for the Aging
Town of Easton, CT

INSTR # M2019000513
DATE FILED 09/05/2019 08:45:27 AM
CHRISTINE HALLORAN
TOWN CLERK
EASTON CT

Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, September 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 PM. Present were Linda Dollard, Anne Hughes, Phyllis Machledt, Karen Martin, Melinda O'Brien, Lisa Tasi and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director.

1. Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the June 3, 2019 monthly meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by the members present on a motion by Melinda O'Brien and Karen Martin.

2. Ongoing Business

A. MCS Fund Update

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

B. Project 2019

The CFA is in receipt of responses to the Survey 2019, which was mailed out in mid- summer, with deadline for responses was in mid-August. Correlation of all responses will be addressed, with help via business school students. Lisa is waiting to receive word for project coordination in tandem with student study hours. Alison will hold the mailed responses for the time being.

3. New Business

A. Municipal Agent's Report

Alison has had a busy and productive summer. She has completed the 'new edition' of the Companion / Home Health Aide list with the assistance of former MAA Pat Flinck. This list will be available to seniors. Next list to be addressed is the "Handyman Services" for project-related tasks. Alison held a July event to address Assisted Living Communities and Homecare. With her expanded responsibilities, Alison has worked with HR to update profile segment and with a few revisions, it was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Her CHOICES training and ongoing certification will be pushed out to 2020 season in order to address the current topics of Medicare Savings Programs and Fuel Assistance applications. Alison's Book Group was very well received and another one is being planned for early 2020. This group has many facets by addressing bereavement, social and senior issues. Lynn Zaffino of the Easton Public Library will assist in Alison's outreach idea of a mobile book service for homebound seniors or those who are temporarily infirmed and cannot travel. She is also looking into student participation and interaction for this project.

B. Programming 2019

Alison provided an update on programs she is presenting. A medical presentation on Sepsis will be on Wednesday, September 11th as the "Lunch and Learn" segment. A trip is planned to the new Sunrise facility on Stratfield Road in Fairfield; it is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th. Interaction with local community organizations and meetings are also on Alison's fall calendar.

C. SWCCA Report

Phyllis Machledt reported that the next monthly meeting of SWCCA will be held on September 11th at 9:00 AM. She has recommended to SWCCA that Alison can attend the next meetings. The Annual Meeting will be in October.

D. Other Updates

CFA Members spoke about current issues of seniors. Anne Hughes gave an update from the Hartford Legislative scene (from her capacity as State Representative) with regards to issues as Low Income Heating Assistance Program; DIR Costs of Pharmacies and Senior Transportation. The recent issues of the Easton Neighbors magazine highlighted Alison Witherbee, the Machledts and a group of seniors at the Easton Community Center.

4. Next Meeting

The Commission's next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 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

Phyllis Machledt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melinda O'Brien seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:12 PM.

Submitted by,
Commission for the Aging
L. Tasi