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Meeting Minutes

Commission for the Aging Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – Monday, October 5, 2020
Meeting held in the Easton Library Board Room

The meeting convened at 5:20 PM. Present were Linda Dollard, Anne Hughes, Lisa Tasi and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director. Cheryl Constand, Karen Martin and Melinda O'Brien were not present.

1. Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting were reviewed and accepted by members in attendance.

2. Ongoing Business

A. MCS Fund Update

There was no new reported data.

3. New Business

A. Municipal Agent's Report

Alison has continued the outreach project of the popular "Grocery Bags" to Easton seniors. Supplemental items were earlier donated by Sport Hill Farm/ Patti Popp. Current funding is from the area Salvation Army and the MCS Fund. The project will continue for the duration of this month. Alison is quite busy assisting seniors with Energy Assistance applications and the upcoming Medicare Open Enrollment. All sessions are conducted adhering to safety protocols in place during the Coronavirus pandemic. Alison has also been working with the CHOICES team at SWCCA on how to better serve 'from a distance', either with additional phone calls, ZOOM. Us connections and other types of meetings. Alison is continuing her outreach with seniors in town and local charitable and nonprofit organizations which assist with community outreach. The month of November collaboration with outreach to seniors via the National Charity League and Easton Garden Club projects are currently being reviewed. There is an upcoming meeting to address the December project by the Salvation Army in its Kettle Bell drive.

B. SWCCA Report

Alison will be attending the monthly meeting of SWCCA and will provide more information on year end updates.

C. Discussion / Other:

Members at the meeting discussed topics presented by the Municipal Agent. Finding the best way to candidly and empathetically address issues /challenging circumstances facing certain seniors is important for Alison's outreach and CFA interaction. Making sure that all the parameters of resources and tools available can be utilized is also important. Survey 2020: Review of survey was tabled until next meeting.

4. Next Meeting

The Commission's next monthly meeting will be held on TUESDAY, November 10th, 2020 at the Easton Library's Board Room from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The agenda will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for proper posting.

5. Adjourn

The members in attendance adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by,
Commission for the Aging
L. Tasi