

Meeting Minutes
Commission for the Aging
Town of Easton, CT

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Monthly Meeting – Monday, April 5, 2021 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Held at the Easton Senior Center

Attendees: Anne Hughes, Cheryl Constand, Nanette DeWester, Linda Dollard, Melinda O'Brien, Lisa Tasi, and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director.

The meeting started at 5:06 PM. Melinda O'Brien telephoned in to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

The March meeting notes were reviewed by members and unanimously approved via a motion by Linda Dollard and Cheryl Constand.

Ongoing Business

- MCS Fund Update

There was no new reported data.

- Grant Applications

Alison is reviewing various grant ideas that would benefit seniors via health & safety and education. Melinda and Anne expressed interest to assist with the grant process. Alison is in contact with neighboring towns to find out what types of programs would best benefit or dovetail to Easton's needs.

New Business

-Municipal Agent's Report

Alison has been working on a list of Home Bound seniors to share for Easton's integration with the Westport Weston Health District so they could receive the coronavirus vaccine at home. The date is scheduled for April 14th. Alison presented her budget to the Board of Finance and it was approved. She is also continuing the outreach with Senior Grocery Bags which will continue in the spring months. She is thinking to do an outside event which will be part education outreach as well as include local vendors. The Energy Assistance Program will be extended through May 17th. Alison is providing her outreach skills to those seniors in need. Alison is also conducting a Zoom presentation on Scams related to Covid-19 on April 26th which will be most informative to the senior population.

- SWCCA <https://www.swcaa.org/>

Alison has an advisory committee meeting via Zoon on April 14th. She continues to work with SWCCA on the Medicare Savings Program (MSP).

-Programs

The idea of having a summer outreach for seniors in an outside setting was discussed by members. Alison will be speaking to local contacts. This outdoor event would be part outreach and part fun. More information will be made available at the next meeting for organizational purposes and committee participation / assistance.

Open Discussion

Members discussed various outlets to receive the coronavirus vaccine. Members also revisited the Teen Tech project in which Alison had JBHS students available for technology – computer or smart phone – related education for seniors. With the relaxing of stringent pandemic restrictions, this project could be rescheduled for 2021.

The meeting concluded at 6:03 PM. Members are asked to rsvp for attendance. The next meeting will be held on Monday May 3, 2021 from 5 to 6 PM at the ESC.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging
L. Tasi