

Meeting Minutes
Commission for the Aging
Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – Monday, June 7, 2021 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Held at the Easton Senior Center

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

The meeting started at 5:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes

The May special meeting minutes were reviewed by members and unanimously approved via a motion by Melinda O'Brien and Linda Dollard.

Ongoing Business

- Senior Sacks / Grocery Bags

As discussed at last month's meeting, Alison will continue the senior sacks grocery bags to some seniors. The members approved the extending of the program with discretionary support via the MCS Fund. Alison plans to restart the program for a 6-week period during the summer months. She will also reach out to Patti Popp for supplemental locally grown items. The bags usually contain staples as cheese, eggs, butter, and organics.

- MSC Fund

There was no new reported data.

- Grant Applications

Ideas will be targeted and write ups of applications will take place in the near future.

New Business

-Municipal Agent's Report

Alison is busy working outreach with the remaining designated monies via the Salvation Army program. She has been targeting seniors who have already been on energy assistance and senior tax relief to assist them through the summer months.

Alison has been a part of the SWCAA Grants Applications Review Committee and has learned how in depth the applications are from start to finish. This segment will also assist Alison for targeting grant applications on a local level. Melinda O'Brien will be assisting Alison.

Alison is planning a presentation in late summer or fall on stroke based on the presentation "Know Stroke" given in the lobby of St. Vincent's Hospital in late May.

Alison has met with Melinda to review social media in preparation to set up a Facebook page for Social Services.

The first collaboration with the Westport/Weston Health District, now including Easton, will meet on June 16th to discuss Storm Preparedness.

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

Alison has been involved with the SWCCA Grants Applications Review Committee where they reviewed nine grants from agencies around the area, as well as three Statewide Alzheimer's Aide applications.

Open Discussion

Alison shared the news that Val and Derek Buckley were involved in a serious car accident in Fairfield in late May. She had visited them while in the hospital. The ESC staff is spearheading meal delivery to them during their home convalescence.

Members will stay in touch during the summer break and follow through with any pending projects.

The meeting concluded at 6:00 PM. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September, 7, 2021 from 5 to 6 PM at the ESC. Agenda will be forwarded for posting.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging
L. Tasi