

Meeting Minutes
Commission for the Aging
Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – Monday, October 4, 2021 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Held at the Easton Senior Center

Attendees: Anne Hughes, Melinda O'Brien, Diane Parker, Lisa Tasi, and Alison Witherbee /
Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director. Linda Dollard did not attend.

The meeting started at 5:12 PM.

Meeting Minutes

The August meeting minutes were reviewed by members present and approved.

Ongoing Business

- MSC Fund

An update was provided by Christine Calvert, Easton Town Treasurer. The recent Senior Sacks Grocery bags Outreach project was additionally supported by the fund.

- Grants

Salvation Army fiscal year ended September 30th. Easton is included with Fairfield, Westport and Weston for outreach. Monies available have been used for heating assistance. No decision has been made if the "Kettle Bells" December outreach will be done locally or perchance virtually on-line for donations.

New Business

-Municipal Agent's Report

Alison is preparing for the fall season's annual outreach programs, such as Energy Assistance and Open Enrollment for Medicare. Although a presentation on the Covid-19 variants was cancelled, a Zoom presentation on "Scams related to Medicare" was held.

Alison is working to advise seniors to have an up-to date "File of Life" which is beneficial during emergencies.

Alison is setting up a "My Medicare Open Enrollment" event for Wednesday, November 3rd along with CHOICES counselors. Participants can either telephone in or join in via Zoom to discuss their options and plans.

Alison created a "calling card" describing Easton Senior Services, which was made available during the September 18th Easton 175th town event. She is also working with local media to submit article.

- SWCCA <https://www.swcaa.org/>
There was no report at this meeting.

Open Discussion

Members and Alison discussed ways to address additional outreach to seniors, especially for matters concerning senior safety, heating needs and Medicare “donut hole” resources. Further discussion will take place at the next meetings in order to implement a new project for 2022.

Ann Hughes provided an update on Acts Affecting Seniors. This report via the Connecticut General Assembly provides summaries of new laws (public acts and special acts) significantly affecting older adults enacted during the 2021 regular session and June 2021 special session.

The meeting concluded at 6:16 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021 from 5 to 6 PM at the ESC. Agenda will be forwarded for posting.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging
L. Tasi