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Meeting Minutes
Commission for the Aging
Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – Monday, November 1, 2021 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Held at the Easton Senior Center

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

The meeting started at 5:09 PM. It was noted that this was a busy time of month as Town Elections are being held tomorrow.

# Meeting Minutes

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

## Ongoing Business

MSC Fund
 No update at this meeting.

#### **New Business**

## -Municipal Agent's Report

Alison has been very busy with Energy Assistance applications. She is working with Alliance (formerly ABCD) and has a good rapport for the oil delivery program's supervisor to make sure that her Easton residents have their applications processed in a timely manner. Medicare Open Enrollment has been steady and Alison has another event on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> with (as of now) 10 participants. They will be able to speak on the phone or attend via ZOOM to work with CHOICES counselors.

Alison is working with the Easton Village Store for outreach for Thanksgiving meals for seniors who are homebound or alone. She is also reaching out to the Easton Garden Club for delivery of poinsettias to seniors in December. She is in contact with the National Charity League for assistance in delivering meals and upcoming projects early next year.

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

## **Open Discussion**

The "File of Life" – a red plastic envelope which holds all personal health / contact data for emergency situations – has been very popular. A senior has graciously offered to buy some

additional ones for Alison's use. The CFA will also assist with Alison to secure this item to have in her inventory.

Alison provided an update on the Salvation Army and other outreach groups. Due to the pandemic last year, many outreach events were not held. Perhaps some virtual events for donations will be held. In the meantime, we will not be participating in the Holiday Ring of Kettle Bells.

The CFA will assist Alison in her November outreach to seniors. More details will be forthcoming from Alison. The target date is the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Alison is hoping to do a spring event with information for seniors. This was planned for 2021 but put on hold. The CFA will help with plans to have local and regional information to seniors.

The meeting concluded at 6:07 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday December 6, 2021 from 5 to 6 PM at the ESC. Agenda will be forwarded for posting.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging L. Tasi