

Commission for the Aging  
Town of Easton, CT

Monday, March 4, 2024  
Held at the Easton Senior Center

Attendees: Diana Gomez, Anne Hughes, Paul Lindoerfer, Lisa Tasi. Daniel Simonelli, Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director, Nanette DeWester, Jessica DiPietro were not in attendance.

The meeting started at 5:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes

The February Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved via a motion by Anne Hughes and seconded by Paul Lindoerfer.

Old Business

- MCS Fund – Christine Calvert provided updated information to both Lisa and Daniel. There is approximately \$44K in the account.

New Business

- Municipal Agent's Report / Daniel Simonelli  
Lisa provided an update on behalf of Daniel. Budget presentation is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>. He is currently working on the Operation Fuel and Energy Assistance programs. These programs are accessed through email applications and Daniel is setting up an email account to assist those who do not have email.  
Also of note are two events, "Downsizing Demystified" on March 6<sup>th</sup> and a Round Table Discussion on Senior related topics to be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Daniel will be hosting a lunch on March 6<sup>th</sup> where the topic of how to reduce clutter in one's home will be discussed. The title is "Downsizing Demystified."

-SWCCA Report [www.swcca.org](http://www.swcca.org)

SWCCA is currently evaluating programs around the state of Connecticut that they support and the grant applications for 2024 will begin shortly. SWCCA provides funding for home and community-based services for adults aged sixty and older under Title III of the Older American Acts through an annual Request for proposals. More information is to come from Daniel after his next meeting. Grants Overview - SWCAA

- Planning & Discussion

Anne Hughes brought a State of Connecticut Official Citation to present to Easton Centenarian Arlene Wilson.

Anne spoke about issues from the State Assembly where advocates and industry officials are speaking on a bill to boost transparency in nursing home operations, lawmakers unveiled another sweeping measure that would overhaul numerous key aspects of the elder care sector, including requiring more oversight of home care workers, creating a speedier process for accessing Medicaid and expanding the long-term care ombudsman's office. C G A - Connecticut General Assembly

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Lisa provided an update on local healthcare students for another outreach forum. Daniel is also working to have a nutritionist or geriatric liaison provide collaboration for another presentation.

Lisa shared a draft template about "did you know" issues as discussed in the previous meetings that focus on elderly issues. CFA members reviewed the points and discussed how it can be implemented from start to finish. More work will be done prior to next month's meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6:00 PM.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 2, 2024, from 5-6 PM at the ESC.

Submitted by,  
Commission for the Aging  
L. Tasi