

Meeting Minutes  
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT  
Commission for the Aging  
Regular Meeting  
Easton Senior Center  
Monday, May 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM. Present were Linda Dollard, Gail V. Gay, Phyllis Machledt, Joel Peskay, Margaret Silvestri, Lisa Tasi, and Alison Witherbee, Municipal Agent/Senior Social Services.

1. The minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting were read and unanimously approved on a motion by Joel Peskay, seconded by Margaret Silvestri.
2. Unfinished Business
  - a. There were no items to discuss.
3. New Business
  - a. Presentation to Easton Exchange Club, update  
Alison Witherbee gave a presentation to the members of the Easton Exchange Club regarding the Municipal Agent office and her duties in the community. The club has made a \$250 donation to the Martha Carrie Shurman Fund. A "Thank You" note will be sent.
  - b. Alzheimer's Presentation, update  
The April 20<sup>th</sup> event was well attended and covered many aspects of the debilitating disease. It was an informative session with reciprocal dialogue between the guest speaker and the attendees.
  - c. Municipal Agent's Report  
Alison Witherbee had a busy month. The Alzheimer's presentation got great feedback and another presentation is being planned for the fall. She attended a CHOICES training. CHOICES is a cooperative program of the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services, the area Agencies on Aging and the Center for Medicare Advocacy ~ Connecticut's program for Health insurance assistance, Outreach, Information and referral, Counseling, Eligibility Screening. She also attended the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) with Christine Halloran, Easton Town Clerk. The conference topic reviewed organizational matters regarding record keeping, retention of files, and destruction. Alison attended her first Greater Bridgeport Elderly Services Counsel meeting and made some connections in the

community. Ideas and planning are underway for additional presentations and forums.

d. Bereavement Group, update

The group will pick up in the fall as the number of attendees has dwindled. Alison is reviewing the structure and thoughts of the group in order to have a greater link with community resources.

e. Municipal Agent Get Together

Alison recently attended a gathering with former Easton Municipal Agents. It was held at the home of Winnie Kent. Others in attendance were Pat Finick, Katie Tressler, and Pam Healey. There will be an upcoming Easton Courier article on this special gathering.

f. SWCAA Report

Phyllis Machledt, (SWCCA representative) provided updates on the Southwestern CT Agency on Aging <http://www.swcaa.org>. SWCCA is making 2014 grant recipient evaluations and next month the committee will be deciding on the 2015 grant recipients. The next SWCCA meeting will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup> in Norwalk. Phyllis has suggested to SWCAA that a communication link be established for local Municipal Agents to share ideas and issues.

g. Other items

Joel Peskay and Alison Witherbee appreciated the professional assistance from Town Clerk, Christine Halloran, with regards to changing the date of this month's meeting. CFA members shared ideas and discussed plans for upcoming presentations and events.

4. Next meeting

The Commission's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

5. Adjourn:

Phyllis Machledt moved to adjourn, Gail V. Gay seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:12 PM.

Submitted by,

Lisa V. Tasi, Secretary, Commission for the Aging