

Meeting Minutes
Commission for the Aging
Town of Easton, CT

Special Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2022 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Held at the Easton Senior Center

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

The special meeting started at 5:05 PM. It was held one week later due to schedule conflicts.

Meeting Minutes

The March 7th meeting minutes were reviewed by members present and approved via a motion by Nanette DeWester and Anne Hughes.

Ongoing Business

- MSC Fund

No update at this meeting.

New Business

-Municipal Agent's Report

Alison updated the CFA that she had to cancel her "Safety in Spring" presentation as the ESC was closed late week. Some of this information will be blended into a May presentation that she will be doing in May along with the Aspetuck Health district nurses.

She has been busy with the fuel assistance program as the price of oil increased and also has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation since the ESC is still promoting the wearing of masks. Alison recently was in contact with an organization called FOODRESCUE.US which delivers food locally grown and donated. The organization uses a web-based app to engage volunteers to transfer excess fresh food from grocers, farms and local business to social service agencies that serve the insecure. The organization was founded in Fairfield County in 2011. Alison will be looking to local partners to then deliver some products to homebound seniors or those who are alone.

Alison had visited the Center for Family Justice last week where she learned of additional resources that are available for any senior who may be a victim of elder abuse.

Alison also visited with some seniors who are currently in rehab and extended hellos from CFA members.

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

The Advisory Council of SWCCA, which Alison is a member, will be meeting on Wednesday.

Open Discussion

The CFA continued discussion on the Food Pantry outreach and possible involvement with the FOODRESCUE.US program. As there is a Garden Mart via the Easton Garden Club, the information about the food rescue movement will be advertised.

Elder Abuse – this topic is of most importance since it has serious impact to the elderly population by abuse, neglect and exploitation (financial harm). <https://acl.gov> .

Future Projects - The CFA members agreed that Elder Abuse should be incorporated into the forum idea discussed last month that targets the topics of eldercare at home and assistance (Medicare related information and end of life care). Timing and availability of speakers will be taken into consideration in order to set up an event. The "Aging in America" and "Driver Safety" (when should seniors stop driving) are short informational movies that can be presented.

The May meeting will convene as Special Meeting of the CFA Monday, May 9, 2022 at the ESC from 5-6 PM. The notice / special agenda information was already sent in for proper posting.

The meeting concluded at 6:17 PM, on a motion by Melinda O'Brien, seconded by Anne Hughes and approved.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging
L. Tasi