

Meeting Minutes
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT
Commission for the Aging
Special Meeting
Easton Senior Center
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 PM. Present were Phyllis Machledt, Joel Peskay, Margaret Silvestri, Lisa Tasi, and Alison Witherbee, Municipal Agent/Senior Social Services. Linda Dollard and Gail V. Gay were not present.

1. The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved on a motion by Joel Peskay and seconded by Phyllis Machledt.

2. Unfinished Business

Status Report on MCS Fund
 The fund is maintained within the Town of Easton financials and is not a separate account.

3. New Business

- a. Municipal Services Discussion was made on the various services which are provided by the Easton EMS, Police and Fire Departments in correlation to Senior Citizens' needs. Alison Witherbee said the municipal services are key in safety of seniors. A 'thank you' communication will be made to the three departments and ideas for upcoming presentations will be researched.
- b. Municipal Agent's Report Alison Witherbee had a busy December. She is working with seniors who need fuel assistance via ABCD Energy. Alison is also conducting outreach with the assistance of Pam Healey for seniors who need home help and food donations. In her new capacity as the social-service provider for the under 65 residents of Easton, Alison is also monitoring the social-service needs of that population. Alison will have a meeting with Rev. Amanda Osgrove from the Easton Congregational Church and other local clergy to introduce herself and the services she provides as Municipal Agent. Upcoming trips to assisted living facilities (ACF) will be planned.
- c. MA Coverage Alison has a detailed voicemail outlining office hours and informing seniors who call to reach out to 911 in case there is a true emergency. Pam Healey recently covered for Alison during her absence.

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- d. Volunteer "Shoveling for Seniors" Program
 The CFA members discussed this winter season topic. Alison mentioned that
 Redding Park & Rec have a group of high school students that provide this
 community service. She will review seniors who may benefit from this type of
 service. Phyllis mentioned that the ECC has a student program focusing on
 community service and this could be another angle for them to also get
 involved.
- e. Update on Canvas of Local Ministries for Seniors
 Alison will be meeting with some local clergy and will outline a program for senior outreach and creating senior list via each parish.

f. SCWAA Report

Phyllis Machledt (SWCCA representative) informed the CFA members about the recent senior scams, especially since it is Tax Preparation season. Training may be available for Municipal Agents to also assist with financial fraud or exploitation of seniors. Phyllis shared information and topics from various local senior centers. The SWCCA is in its grant evaluation process, reviewing organizations which have received funding. Southwestern CT Agency on Aging - http://www.swcaa.org.

- g. CFA Meeting Date Changes March 2016 and April 2016 The CFA will be meeting on the first Tuesday of each month – March 1 and April 5 in 2016. The CFA members are in agreement for the change of meeting dates. As the meetings will convene on Tuesdays, each monthly meeting will be known as a "Special Meeting".
- h. Other items

Various topics on senior outreach and events were discussed by the CFA members

4. Next meeting

The Commission's next meeting, "Special Meeting", will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

5. Adjourn:

Phyllis Machledt moved to adjourn the meeting, Margaret Silvestri seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:23 PM.

Submitted by, Lisa V. Tasi, Secretary, Commission for the Aging

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