

Meeting Minutes  
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT  
Commission for the Aging  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, May 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 PM. Present were Linda Dollard, Phyllis Machledt, Karen Martin, Joel Peskay, Lisa Tasi and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent – Senior Social Services. Gail V. Gay was not present.

The minutes of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was reviewed and approved on a motion by Linda Dollard and Phyllis Machledt.

1. Unfinished Business

a. MCS Fund

No update this month; waiting for donation checks to be deposited.

2. New Business

a. ECS SCAMbled Eggs Presentation

Presentation on Scams, Fraud and Protection against unwanted calls will be on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at the ECS. Easton Chief of Police Timothy Shaw and Angela DeLeon, representative from People's United Bank will lead the presentation and discuss pertinent steps in fraud protection. People's United Bank/ AARP pamphlets will be distributed with regards to fighting identify threat and fraud. A light breakfast will be served (the title of the event is a wordplay on "scrambled" eggs).

[http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/research/surveys\\_statistics/infographics/econ/2016/2016%20Consumer%20Fraud/consumer-fraud-CT-AARP-res-econ.pdf](http://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/research/surveys_statistics/infographics/econ/2016/2016%20Consumer%20Fraud/consumer-fraud-CT-AARP-res-econ.pdf)

b. Update on HomeFront Project

The potential recipient for a HomeFront Project received letter saying they were not selected this year due to lack of volunteer teams in the immediate area. This is an independent program which provides free home repairs and beautifications to selected low-income homeowners. Alison will inquire on what steps or collaboration (with other volunteer groups) can be done to secure some type of project for next May 2018.

c. Joshua Peskay's proposed Senior CyberNinja Presentation

CFA members discussed ideas on how to utilize [www.roundtabletechnology.com](http://www.roundtabletechnology.com) for another type of information event for seniors on cybersecurity and safety. Possibility is to develop a Fall 2017 event with Joshua Peskay and Easton law enforcement and how to keep seniors informed and most importantly safe. More discussion and planning will follow.

d. Municipal Agent's Report

Alison has a busy May with two presentations – a SWCAA presentation on Medicare Saving Program / Senior Medicare Patrol on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and, the breakfast/presentation on

Scams to be held on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. She also attended a conference in Groton on April 7<sup>th</sup> of the CT Association of Municipal Agents for the Elderly (CMAAE). Topics included the roles and duties of the Municipal Agent, communication with seniors and promotion/advertising of events. Methods of communication is an important factor as many seniors may still not be educated to use 21<sup>st</sup> century technology – smart phones; emails, etc. Alison will be visiting Spring Meadows with a tour planned for Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and is working on a guest speaker via the Greater Bridgeport Elderly Services Council (GBESC).

e. SWCCA Report

Phyllis Machledt, SWCCA representative (Southwestern CT Agency on Aging – <http://www.swcca.org>) updated members on other senior center activities and their programs. 1/ A series of Caregivers (of Alzheimer's patients) courses is being given in Darien on Wednesday evenings. 2/ Training for to become a CHOICES Counselor - The **CHOICES** Program (Connecticut's programs for Health insurance, Outreach, Information and Eligibility Screening) is designated as the official State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) - is scheduled to start in June, with a five two-hour daytime classes. The Bridgeport SWCAA can be contacted for information. 3/ Discussion on Senior Transportation availability and range of accessibility – senior center vans, taxis, Uber or Lift methods. The next SWCCA meeting will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Norwalk.

f. Other Items

CFA discussed various topics on senior issues based on today's meeting.

3. Next Meeting

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

4. Adjourn

Joel Peskay moved to adjourn the meeting, Karen Martin seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:34 PM.

Submitted by,

Lisa V. Tasi, Secretary, Commission for the Aging, Easton, CT