

Meeting Minutes
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT
Commission for the Aging
Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 5, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM. Present were Gail V. Gay, Phyllis Machledt, Karen Martin, Joel Peskay, Lisa Tasi and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent – Senior Services. Linda Dollard was not present.

The minutes of the May 1st meeting was reviewed and approved on a motion by Karen Martin and Joel Peskay.

1. Unfinished Business

a. MCS Fund

There is no update this month. Alison will follow up with Christine Calvert at Town Hall to provide a current financial statement / quarterly report for the September meeting.

2. New Business

a. Update on the ECS Scrambled Eggs Program

The event was attended by @30 Senior Citizens. Speakers at the program were from People's United Bank (Angela deLeon) Easton Police Dept. (Chief Tim Shaw). and SWCCA. It was a timely topic as there have been many types of scams which have made the senior population worried and scared. Informative steps were shared to allow seniors to be better prepared.

b. Decision on date for September 2017 CFA meeting

With the Labor Day Holiday falling on Monday, September 4th, the consensus of the CFA members is to hold the meeting on Monday, September 11th, 2017.

c. CFA members

Quick discussion was held on members' status and planning for next meeting, to be convened after the summer break.

d. Municipal Agent's Report

Alison had a busy month of May, especially with the planning of the successfully received Scrambled Eggs presentation. There are plans for a tour at Spring Meadows pending responses on the posted sign-up sheet. Alison is setting up dates for Medicare Open Enrollment sessions. During the summer Alison plans on AED training via EMS, Carolyn Kearney, with regards to seniors who require first responders' intervention; compiling an email list of seniors for communication as well as doing some office overhaul.

e. SWCCA Report

Phyllis Machledt, SWCCA representative (Southwestern CT Agency on Aging – <http://www.swcca.org>) – updated CFA members on news of proposed decrease of federal funding to the Meals on Wheels program and of Governor Malloy's proposed budget which

may place a cap on elders receiving home care services as an alternative to nursing home placement.

http://www.swcaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Category2Advocacy_2017.pdf

Another topic of discussion at SWCCA is the lack of other additional dependable transportation services for seniors, especially for seniors not near a public transit system.

The next SWCCA meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14th.

The following are reports on Senior Transportation:

<http://www.t4america.org/docs/SeniorsMobilityCrisis.pdf> (56 pages)

<http://www.pressherald.com/2013/11/07/for-older-citizens-lack-of-transportation-a-daily-struggle/>

f. Other items

None

3. Next Meeting

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the ESC. There will be no meetings during July and August.

4. Adjourn

Gail V. Gay moved to adjourn the meeting, Joel Peskey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 5:47 PM.

Submitted by,

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