

Meeting Minutes
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT
Commission for the Aging
Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM. Present were Linda Dollard, Phyllis Machledt, Karen Martin, Mary Pajonas, Joel Peskay, Lisa Tasi and Eileen Zimmerman LCSW , the new Municipal Agent – Senior Services. Gail V. Gay was not present.

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from September 11th, 2017 and June 5th, 2017 meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved by members via a motion by Joel Peskay and Karen Martin.

Unfinished Business

1. MCS Fund

a. Financial Report

An update was supplied by Christine Calvert.

b. Donation

The estate of Victor Triolo has recently donated to the Fund. The Martha Carrie Schurman Fund was founded by the late Albert Schurman in memory of his wife. Through AI and the continued generosity of local donors, this fund has helped seniors pay extraordinary bills, and provide other necessities. The Municipal Agent and Outreach Worker identify the financial need of a senior in crisis and disperse funds appropriately and discreetly.

<http://www.eastonct.gov/municipal-agent-for-the-aging/pages/martha-carrie-schurman-fund>

2. New Business

a. Introduction/Welcome for Eileen Zimmerman LCSW, the new Municipal Agent –Senior Services

Eileen introduced herself to the CFA members. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has been a psychotherapist and life coach for more than 18 years. Eileen received an MSW from Fordham University and a BA from Fairfield University. She looks forward to her new position in Easton. Members reciprocally introduced themselves.

b. MA Job Description

The current description will be followed. Revisions will be made accordingly to any updates deemed important. Information for the Office of Municipal Agent /Social Services is found on the town website: <http://www.eastonct.gov/municipal-agent-for-the-aging> ; <http://www.eastonct.gov/social-services> .

c. Municipal Agent's Report

Eileen Zimmerman LCSW started as Municipal Agent on September 19th. She has met with current and former colleagues at Town Hall and the Senior Center. Former MA Alison Witherbee has assisted with some transition and Pam Healy, Outreach Worker has been very resourceful. Eileen will be following up

on the Medicare Enrollment session, CHOICES, as well as new presentations and speakers. She will also meeting with ABCD, Salvation Army, Angelica Fontanez (Municipal Agent of Redding, CT), the Easton Lion's Club and attend the SWCAA Annual Meeting on October 19th at Testo's.

d. SWCCA Report

Phyllis Machledt, SWCCA representative (Southwestern CT Agency on Aging – <http://www.swcca.org>) Provided update on recent news. There is a new hospice site in Stamford, CT (1 Den Road) which recently opened. The annual meeting will take place on Thursday morning October 19th at Testo's. There is a program underway in Bridgeport through The Child & Family Guidance Center to address "Grandparents raising grandchildren" and will offer support group meetings and parenting classes. Contact is Gail Carroll at 203-394-6529, ext 3374. SWCCA is monitoring the situation on State of CT proposed budget cuts. Also, the company, ITN, a non-profit solution to senior transportation and people with visual impairments, which was based locally, is now defunct.

e. Suggestions for Future Programs and Presentations

The CFA Members discussed some ideas previously presented for future dates as well as review earlier programs which were successful. A proposed MA project will be to correlate senior information from attendees at earlier events and create a contact list. Topics of First Responders and Technical computer presentations are also being revisited. CFA members are thinking of again doing some type of outreach for the upcoming holiday season.

f. CFA Chairman Role

Discussion will continue with regards for a new chairman, starting in January 2018.

g. Other new items

No other items were discussed.

3. Next Meeting

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, November 6th, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the ESC. The agenda will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for proper posting.

4. Adjourn

Phyllis Machledt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda Dollard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by,

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