

Meeting Minutes  
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT  
Commission for the Aging  
Monthly Meeting  
Monday, November 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM. Present were: Linda Dollard, Gail V. Gay, Phyllis Machledt, Karen Martin, Mary Pajonas, Joel Peskay, Lisa Tasi and Eileen Zimmerman / Municipal Agent – Senior Services.

1. Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by members via a motion by Joel Peskay and Linda Dollard.

2. Unfinished Business

MCS Fund

a. Financial Report

No financial report at this meeting. Eileen will ask Christine Calvert for a printed report for the December meeting.

b. Donation

A donation was made by St. Dimitrie's Parish to MCS Fund.

c. Guidelines of MCS Fund

MSC Fund information is listed on the town website. Determination for assistance is made by Municipal Agent and Outreach Worker based on financial need and eligibility criteria. The CFA will continue to review and clarify guidelines.

3. New Business

a. SWCCA / Transportation Needs

A coalition of people across 14 towns in southwestern CT is reviewing better options for transportation needs for seniors and disabled people. The goal is to get additional input from local municipal staff to identify places where municipalities with similar issues might be able to work together or support each other to develop solutions. A meeting will be set up to discuss these issues with Easton officials/representatives from Town Hall, Senior Center, CFA and ESC boards.

b. SWCCA Report

Phyllis Machledt, SWCCA representative (Southwestern CT Agency on Aging – <http://www.swcca.org>) reported that the annual meeting held in October recognized 40 years of work in the area. The next meetings are scheduled to be held in Stamford at new hospice site on 11/8 and in Trumbull for the month of December. SWCCA is concerned about the new requirements for assistance as well as federal budget cuts to programs.

c. Municipal Agent's Report

Eileen Zimmerman had a busy month with the Medicare Open Enrollment, with a successful October 17<sup>th</sup> session assisted by a CHOICES counselor. (Choices is a program via the State of Connecticut Department on Aging which provides health insurance assistance, outreach, information and referral, counseling and eligibility screening.) There will be another session on November 30<sup>th</sup>. A November 27<sup>th</sup> event, co-hosted with Synergy (a Fairfield-based senior home care company) will discuss the Veteran's Affairs Aid and Attendance program. A meet and greet the MA is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> at the ESC. Eileen will ring the Salvation Army kettle bell with some JBHS students for the Christmas season. Eileen is meeting local counterparts for collaboration and sharing of information.

d. Suggestions for Future Programs and Presentations

Upcoming programs and events are being planned for 2018 as well as revisiting some popular workshops and topics to address.

e. CFA chairman

Members are in discussion for new chairperson, starting in January 2018.

f. Other new items

No other items were discussed.

3. Next Meeting

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the ESC. The agenda will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for proper posting.

4. Adjourn

Karen Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Phyllis Machledt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:07 PM.

Submitted by,

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