

Meeting Minutes
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT
Commission for the Aging
Regular Meeting
Easton Senior Center
Monday, November 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 PM. Present were Linda Dollard, Gail V. Gay, Phyllis Machledt, Joel Peskay, Margaret Silvestri, Lisa Tasi, and Alison Witherbee, Municipal Agent/Senior Social Services.

1. The minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting were read and unanimously approved on a motion by Gail V. Gay, seconded by Phyllis Machledt.
2. Old Business
 - a. Follow-up Veteran's Administration Presentation 10/22/2014
A general overview was presented on the VA's aid and attendance pension program. The presenter, though not affiliated with the VA, was informative and helpful with information.
 - b. Follow-up on the sessions for Open Enrollment for Medicare via 1/ CHOICES and 2/ Ron Berry of Integrity Capital Management.
The CHOICES session provided solid information on the plans available for seniors to then make selections. ICM presents plans and offers services for placement in the programs.
3. New Business
 - a. Update on ITN/Coastal – Nancy McCormick presentation
Materials from the presentation made to CFA were reviewed with the First Selectman's office on an information basis. CFA will remain in contact with ITN for further information regarding the non-profit's community-based transportation service for seniors and visually impaired adults.
"Changing lives one ride at a time!" <http://itncoastalct.org/>
 - b. Municipal Agent's Report
Alison Witherbee had a busy month with the Open Enrollment Medicare Q&A Session and appointments, as well as the program on information for Veteran's Administration Aid and Attendance benefits program. The Jesse Lee Church pre-Thanksgiving dinner (Nov. 1st) was nicely attended by some seniors (through the Martha Carrie Foundation) despite the rain.

- c. Senior's Bereavement Group
Alison has organized a group with interested parties and the first session will be on November 12th at the Senior Center. It will be a way to connect on commonality in loss and sharing in social support.
 - d. SWCAA Report
Phyllis Machledt, the Commission's representative to the Advisory Council of the Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging reported on the Council's latest news. The October 16th annual meeting was very informative and the fundraiser was successful. The next meeting, on November 12th, will be held at Spring Hill in Trumbull.
<http://www.swcaa.org>
 - e. Other items
CFA members discussed various topics on seniors and local area topics and news.
4. Next meeting
The Commission's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014.
5. Adjourn:
Phyllis Machledt moved to adjourn, Margaret Silvestri seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Tasi, Secretary, Commission for the Aging