

Meeting Minutes
Commission for the Aging
Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting / special - Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Meeting held in the Easton Library Board Room

The meeting convened at 5:05 PM. Present were Cheryl Constand, Karen Martin, Melinda O'Brien, Lisa Tasi and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director. Linda Dollard and Anne Hughes were not present.

1. Meeting Minutes

The notes from October were acknowledged by the members.

2. Ongoing Business

A. MCS Fund Update

There was no new reported data.

3. New Business

A. Municipal Agent's Report

The month of October was busy as Alison assisted with Energy Assistance applications. Medicare Open Enrollment is still underway and she is working with two counselors from CHOICES. CHOICES is administered by the Dept. of Aging and Disability Services State Unit on Aging in partnership with CT's five Area Agencies on Aging and the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc. <https://www.swcaa.org/help-to-make-the-right-medicare-choices/>. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions, as well as difficulty with timing and volunteers, the Salvation Army will not be holding the Kettle Bells event. Alison is working with the United Way to determine other types of outreach and assistance. The Sr. Grocery Bag project has been well received and discussion with the CFA will be held to continue the project for the next month or so. The Easton Garden Club will again generously donate poinsettia flowers for outreach program. Alison hopes to set up an in person seminar (limited to 12 people per safety protocols) at the ESC to discuss "The Pandemic and How to stay engaged and connected", as well as continue the "Books to Go" outreach in conjunction with the Easton Library.

B. SWCCA Report

There was no report at this meeting. The next SWCCA meeting will take place on November 18th.

C. Discussion

Members discussed the Grocery Bag project and its positive impact in outreach to those in need. The members decided to extend the program through the end of the year by approving additional monies for Alison to utilize for this outreach project. The motion was made by Karen Martin, seconded by Melinda O'Brien and approved. The CFA members will also be working with Alison to donate extra items to include in the Grocery Bags.

Alison informed the members about a senior outreach scenario and her working with a financial planner to remedy the individual's paperwork and to ensure realization of the matter. The members acknowledged the ongoing work and deemed it important for Alison to compensate planner for the outreach project to be completed.

Cheryl Constand announced the ESC Holiday Boutique is starting on November 16th and running through December 21st. It is by appointment only (due to safety precautions). It is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

Members discussed the available area options for healthcare and COVID-19 testing.

4. Next Meeting

The Commission's next meeting will be held on TUESDAY, December 8, 2020 at the Easton Library Community Room from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The agenda will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for proper posting.

5. Adjourn

Karen Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melinda O'Brien seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:05 PM.

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