

Meeting Minutes  
Commission for the Aging  
Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – Monday, December 6, 2021 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Held at the Easton Senior Center

Attendees: Melinda O'Brien, Lisa Tasi, Nanette DeWester and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director. Linda Dollard, Anne Hughes, and Diane Parker were not in attendance.

The meeting started at 5:10 PM.

Meeting Minutes

The November minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Ongoing Business

- MSC Fund

No update at this meeting.

New Business

- Ethics Ordinance

All Town Employees and members of Boards and Commissions are asked to read and sign an acknowledgment page for the Ethics Ordinance, which was passed at the September 21<sup>st</sup> Town Referendum. CFA members in attendance signed acknowledgement page, which Alison collected for return to Ginger Fiore. Members not in attendance will receive this information to sign and send in.

-Municipal Agent's Report

Alison had a busy month with completing the Medicare Open Enrollment period. She was assisted by a CHOICES volunteer through SWCAA. She also was busy with applications for Energy Assistance.

Alison coordinated with the Easton Garden Club for delivery of poinsettias to some seniors for the Christmas season. Due to conflict with schedules at the EVS, the outreach of Thanksgiving meals to seniors did not happen. However, Alison is working on project to have a Holiday meal delivered. CFA members will be supplementing with dessert of pie.

Two seniors recently passed and Alison was aware that each was surrounded by family at that time.

The "Warmth Fund" is a new project that is starting up and St. Dimitrie's Church graciously made a donation to support this fund which aims to assist people specifically for fuel and utilities.

Covid-19 Boosters will be made available to home bound seniors with the Health District.

- SWCCA      <https://www.swcaa.org/>

There was no report at this meeting.

#### Open Discussion

The CFA discussed outreach and communication by the Municipal Agent of pertinent and timely information to seniors. Alison has written some articles and will share them in her monthly letter which is included in the monthly Easton Senior Center bulletin. We are also exploring more timely information such as social media. This segment would be more informational in nature than an interactive discussion board.

Lisa shared some information from Healthy Aging which had safety tips for older adults on topics such as home safety and winter safety. Alison will be taking points from this organization to blend in with her outreach and future programs.

The meeting concluded at 6:07 PM. As there is no meeting in January, the next meeting will be held on Monday February 7, 2022 from 5 to 6 PM at the ESC. Agenda will be forwarded for posting.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging

L. Tasi