

Meeting Minutes

Commission for the Aging Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2020, 'special meeting'

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM. Present were Karen Martin, Melinda O'Brien, Lisa Tasi, alternates Nanette DeWester and Cheryl Constand, and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent for the Aging and Social Services Director. Linda Dollard was not present.

1. Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November 9, 2019 monthly meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by the members.

2. Ongoing Business

A. MCS Report

There was no report.

B. Project 2019

Lisa Tasi presented the results of the survey conducted. Topics included Demographics, Taxes, Housing, Transportation, Social Services and Technology. The information will be shared with key departments at town hall and made available on the website.

3. New Business

A. Municipal Agent Update

Alison attended her first SWCCA Board Meeting in November. She also collaborated with local National Charity League to deliver Thanksgiving meals to some seniors and their caregivers. The Food Pantry is also filled with items and overflow was parceled out to some area food pantries. In December, Alison held another event to discuss Holiday Safety. On December 21st, one of the area Kettle Bell drive by the Salvation Army took place. It was a very busy weekend but the drive secured funding for use in emergency situations. This is another resource that Alison can tap into for outreach. Alison had a busy month in January speaking with family members who had visited their parents during the holidays and were exploring ideas of a caregiver or companion. With the EMS, Alison held another event with the topic being "How to beat the winter blues". Alison is planning a spring forum with various local services, such as SWCCA, to keep seniors informed as well as some more visits to area assisted living communities. She will also do additional training as a CHOICES counselor. Alison also attended Freedom of Information seminar in Redding lead by Public Information Officer Thomas Hennick.

B. SWCCA Report

Alison indicated that the next meeting will be later this week. Alison is now the Easton member on the Advisory Board of SWCCA.

D. Other Updates

Alison shared the January news about the possibility of Easton joining the Westport-Weston Health District. A public hearing will be held for discussion followed by a town vote on April 22nd. Additional information is on the town website.

E. Open Discussion

None

4. Next Meeting

The Commission's next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the ESC from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Agenda will be forwarded to the Town Clerk for proper posting.

5. Adjourn

Melinda O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Dollard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved at 6:25 PM.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging

L. Tasi