

Meeting Minutes
TOWN OF EASTON, CONNECTICUT
Commission for the Aging
Special Meeting
Easton Senior Center
Tuesday, October 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM. Present were Linda Dollard, Gail V. Gay, Phyllis Machledt, Karen Martin, Mary Pajonas, Margaret Silvestri, Lisa Tasi, and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent-Senior Social Services. Joel Peskay was excused and not present.

1. The minutes of the June 7th and September 6th special meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Margaret Silvestri and seconded by Karen Martin.
2. Unfinished Business
 - a. MCS Fund
An update with information from the Town's Finance Director is planned to be given at next month's meeting.
3. New Business
 - a. Update on MA case & Advanced Medical Directive
Alison gave a final synopsis on a senior welfare case which occurred this summer and the legal issues involved. An important piece learned from the situation is the difference the roles are between an attorney or a notary public in the option for a person's signature to be acknowledged by witness signatures. This is also the same for digital or electronic signatures with regard to the Directive to Physicians, DNR's, and the Medical Power of Attorney, if certain requirements are met. Alison considers these topics should still be promoted as educational and proactive tools for seniors.
 - b. Cell Tower
Joel recently sent out letters to the various wireless providers on behalf of the CFA, Easton Seniors and the public. The letters emphasized the urgency to have an operational cell tower in Easton. A response was received by the site development company which said it is in the process of working on a lease agreement with one of the major wireless providers and hopes to have a fully approved and constructed site within the next 12 to 18 months. The CFA will continue to monitor the situation.
 - c. Medicare Open Enrollment
The first Medicare Open Enrollment day will be on Tuesday, October 25th at the ESC.
 - d. Municipal Agent's Report
Alison had a busy September. She delivered hot meals from St. Dimitrie's to seniors. The "Meet the Chief" event, held earlier today, had a nice turnout. Police Chief Tim Shaw discussed various senior issues (the RUOK program) and Alison handed out "File Of Life" information to seniors. The Police Chief also addressed Project Lifesaver which is a wearable "watch band" with a tracking device intended to be

used by those with Alzheimer's or Autism due to the possibility of "wandering". There is a fee associated with the band and the batteries are changed once a month by police to provide those seniors wearing the bands to have contact and familiarity with law enforcement. The first Medicare Open Enrollment of the season will take place on Thursday, October 25th at the ESC. Alison has met with the Southern Fairfield County Service Unit of the Salvation Army on the programs and outreach available to those less fortunate. A JBHS student (in conjunction with her Girl Scouts community outreach program) will provide a technology presentation to seniors sometime in November.

e. SCWAA Report

Phyllis Machledt (SWCCA representative) said that the annual meeting will take place on Thursday, October 20th at 8:30 AM at Testo's. SWCCA meets the second Wednesday of the month.

(Southwestern CT Agency on Aging - <http://www.swcaa.org>).

f. Review of M.A. Job Description

This topic was tabled until next meeting.

g. Other items

Lisa provided CFA members with information on the Protective Services for the Elderly. Gail asked about coordinating some type of outreach to seniors. Mary, Karen and Phyllis spoke about various programs at the area churches. Alison said that the Boys and Girls Club of Redding have a program to shovel snow from senior's driveways and it is available to Easton seniors. Alison will look into ideas that can be implemented for discussion at the next CFA meeting.

4. Next meeting

The Commission's next meeting, "Special Meeting", will be held on Tuesday, November 1st, 2016.

5. Adjourn:

Karen Martin moved to adjourn the meeting, Margaret Silvestri seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved and agreed upon at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by,
Lisa V. Tasi, Secretary, Commission for the Aging