

Minutes

Easton Senior Center Advisory Board Meeting

November 9, 2021 – 3:30 p.m. Easton Senior Center

Present: Mary Ann Freeman; Althea J. Falco; Patricia Camuto; Eunice Hanson; Prabha Gupta; Ann Fiyalka and Sally England via telephone; Val Buckley; Randy Shapiro.

Excused absence: Wendy Bowditch; Joan Kirk.

1. Mary Ann Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. All attending members wore masks and were socially distance seated.
2. Pat Camuto moved, Prabha Gupta seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Advisory Board Special Meeting noting one correction of the spelling of Prabha's name in the "Members Present" section. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Val Buckley addressed the following items in her Executive Director's Report. Preliminary work for the 2022-2023 budget has begun. A few items, i.e. additional railings and part-time staffing was discussed. Rules concerning COVID protocols will continue. Masks will still be required to come into the Center and worn for all events and proof of vaccination or negative COVID test, 72 hours before entry. Small groups (card players, etc.) can remove masks while playing, but must wear their masks if they leave the area until they return. Rules and protocol will be reviewed again after December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Center remains open for classes, events, movies and card playing daily. A flower arranging program is scheduled for the holidays. Tickets for the raffle have been selling at a steady pace. Approximately 650 of the 2,500 tickets have been sold. The painting of the curbing parallel to the front sidewalk is scheduled for Spring 2022 by the art students from Joel Barlow High School. The "Pen/Pal" program is beginning again for seniors with students from both the middle and high schools. A computer program has been instituted by the Town Hall Financial Office, for receiving financial reports from ESC, Inc., making financial information more readily accessible. Val is working with legislators on obtaining affordable and customized television packages and computers for seniors. The Senior Center will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and will remain closed Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the center will close at noon and remain closed until January 3, 2022.
4. The center received a donation of items from the Bessemer Center which was closing at the end of November. The Estate Sale/Auction netted \$1,852.55. Jewelry sales from items left after the closing, until the end of 2021, will be added to the final tally. The Holiday Boutique opened on November 8, 2021. A January 2022 tag sale is scheduled for all remaining items from the sales with all newly donated items.
5. The Easton Directory will again be published with work to begin the first of the year 2022. Volunteers will be needed. Review of the membership and terms of the Advisory Board

was discussed. One vacancy exists and two members' terms expire in January 2022. Mary Ann Freeman will address both items with the Town committees.

6. Eunice Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ann Fiyalka seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

There is no scheduled meeting of the Easton Senior Center Advisory Board in December 2021.

**SUBMITTED BY ALTHEA J. FALCO, SECRETARY**