

Meeting Minutes  
Commission for the Aging  
Town of Easton, CT

Monthly Meeting – special, Monday, February 8, 2021 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Held at the Easton Senior Center

Attendees: Anne Hughes, Melinda O'Brien, Lisa Tasi, and Alison Witherbee / Municipal Agent for the Aging – Social Services Director.

There was no quorum for an official meeting. The Chairman declared the meeting open and the following topics were discussed informally so that any recommendations can be brought forward for action at the next meeting when there is a quorum.

Anne Fiyalka 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

The Town will fete Centenarian Anne Fiyalka on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm with a drive by celebratory "Happy Birthday" at her home.

Update on Coronavirus Vaccine

Currently Connecticut residents age 75 or older are eligible to sign up and receive the COVID-19 Vaccine. Beginning on February 11<sup>th</sup>, Connecticut residents age 65 and older will be eligible to sign up. Each individual needs to sign up at the VAMS (vaccine administration management system) <https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine> which is an online enrollment system. Each individual will then receive an email from CDC.GOV/VAMS which will allow them to make an appointment to receive the vaccine at numerous locations or if they wish reach out to the Easton Senior Center for assistance or call the CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Assist Line directly 877-918-2224.

Of note, there are other venues in which to receive the vaccine such as the local area hospitals – Hartford Healthcare ; Yale New Haven Health, Stamford Health, Griffin Health, Walgreens, CVS Pharmacy, and Walmart. <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling-Options>

SWCCA <https://www.swcaa.org/>

Southwestern CT Agency on CT provides funding for community and home based projects for adults aged 60 and older under Title III of the older Americans Act through an annual Request for Proposals.

Alison is looking to apply for some mini grants that will enable an array of services to meet needs for those Easton residents in the specific segment. The types of services for which

funding is available include: Community-based and in-home supportive social services (Title III-B); Evidence-based health promotion services (Title III-D) ; Family caregiver support services, grandparents raising grandchildren (Title III-E);and Congregate and home-delivered meals, nutrition education and counseling (Title III-C). Priority is given to programs that assist economically and socially disadvantaged older adults. Public, incorporated non-profit or private for-profit agencies serving seniors within SWCAA's fourteen-town area are eligible to apply

The members in attendance support the idea to apply for grants. This topic will be discussed and acted upon more at length at the next meeting.

Submitted by,

Commission for the Aging

L. Tasi