

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON COMMISSION ON AGING
HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

Minutes

Present: members Bonnie Berkovich, Patricia Calderone, Carol McLaughlin, and Eric Rosenberg, and Senior Center Director JoAnn Ewing

Call to order:

Chair Eric Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

No members of the public joined the Zoom call.

Introductions:

Town Council liaison Kevin Reich was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict, so no introductions were needed.

Summary of COA survey findings, unmet needs, and issues needing attention were discussed in detail together as a single agenda item. Mr. Reich and Dr. Rosenberg had sent ideas and suggestions in advance to the subcommittee. The group discussed:

- ways to help older adults continue to live at home, including financial, maintenance, remodeling, and other issues
- bringing additional information, contacts, and discounts to older adults about renovations, upgrades, and home safety
- bringing information from our survey to builders, developers, remodelers, home inspectors
- strong interest in range of housing for options for older adults - including affordable rental apartments, perhaps multi-level senior communities, over 55 communities, village center development.
- barriers to increasing diversity of housing - including water access, sewer access, specific land availability, expense

The subcommittee unanimously decided that the chair should draft a document of recommendations from this subcommittee discussion, to be further discussed and modified at the next meeting of the subcommittee. Then it should be finalized for presentation to the entire COA at its April meeting.

Housing Authority:

After discussion, the group unanimously decided that survey comments related to East Hampton Housing Authority had been sent to that body, which has a specific protocol for dealing with those issues. Therefore the COA should not become further involved.

Next Steps:

The Subcommittee unanimously decided to schedule a follow up meeting via Zoom on Tuesday evening April 5 at 7:30 pm. Subcommittee members are invited to a meeting with town P&Z official Jeremy DeCarli at his office in Town Hall on Tuesday, 3/29 at 9 am.

Adjournment:

The subcommittee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Rosenberg MD
Subcommittee Chair