

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023
SENIOR CENTER AND ZOOM

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Dr. Eric Rosenberg, Commission members: Shelley Grendzinski, Carol McLaughlin, Kim Crabbe, Cindy Craig, Bonnie Berkovich. Alternate member: Beth Angel

Also in attendance: Town Council member Alison Walck, Senior Services Coordinator Jo Ann Ewing, alternate member applicant Kathy Megan, and invitee Ria Pattison Irons

Call To Order

Dr. Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Beth Angel was seated as a voting member for this meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Berkovich, seconded by Ms. Grendzinski to adopt the agenda. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2023 by Ms. Grendzinski, seconded by Ms. Berkovich. Voted (4-0)

A motion was made to approve the special meeting minutes of June 22, 2023, with a date correction of the public information meetings to September 13, 2023, was made by Ms. Grendzinski, seconded by Ms. McLaughlin. Voted (4-0)

Public Comment

No Comment.

New Members – Introductions

Introductions were made and personal goals and concerns as COA members were shared.

Announcements from Chair

Dr. Rosenberg informed members of the Freedom of Information Act guidelines and the responsibility of members to abide by them.

Senior Services Report

Ms. Ewing reported that she is continuing to pursue grants to improve health and socialization in older adults, transportation and facility improvements at the Senior Center. The center continues to offer services and activities and sign ups have begun for a new seven-week workshop for people with chronic health conditions. She noted that she included information about UR Community Cares in the Belltown Senior News July/August edition.

Old Business

Dr. Rosenberg presented an implementation plan for UR Community Cares (UCC) and East Hampton Community Cares (EHCC) with an emphasis on the public meetings to be held on September 13th. Members discussed fundraising timing, and developed a consensus that it should be a minor focus at first which then would increase as funds were used up. The list of tasks was discussed, and Ms. Berkovich volunteered to coordinate the information meetings, with help from the entire COA. Discussion moved to addressing possible concerns of recipients and volunteers, such as people feeling hesitant to have volunteers in their homes and the fear of background checks. Members decided a temporary sub-committee should be created for the project and will be voted upon at the next meeting. The COA then voted (7-0) to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 25 at 11 am at the Senior Center to include continued planning of the EHCC rollout.

Reports from Housing, Transportation and Health & Wellness Sub-Committees.

Due to the influx of new members, Dr. Rosenberg will circulate a list of COA Subcommittees with suggested memberships, based on expressed interests of COA members.

Housing: No Update

Transportation: No Update

Health & Wellness: No Update

Housing Authority Report: No Update

Budget: Dr. Rosenberg presented the 2024 budget of \$2,622.00, with no expenditures Since July 1.

Mailing and Contact List: Dr. Rosenberg informed members that his work with Jeff Jylkka, Finance Director to generate a complete contact list of older adults is on hold.

New Business

A motion was made to approve the Resolution of Commendation tribute to Sue Greeno was made by Ms. Angel seconded by Ms. McLaughlin, and approved. Voted (7-0)

Public Comment

No Comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Maynard
Recording Clerk