

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023  
SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Eric Rosenberg, Commission members, Mariann Mankowski, Cindy Craig, Bonnie Berkovich, Shelley Grendzinski, Kim Crabbe, Alternate members, Beth Angel and Kathy Megan

Also in attendance: Town Council member Alison Walck, Senior Services Director JoAnn Ewing and Clean Energy Task Force Chairperson Russ Kaplan

Call to Order and Seating of Alternates

Dr. Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Beth Angel was seated as a regular member in the absence of Carol McLaughlin.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as written by Ms. Mankowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Grendzinski. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting was made by Ms. Mankowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Craig. (Voted 7-0)

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting was made by Ms. Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Mankowski. (Voted 7-0)

Public Comment

Mr. Kaplan, Chairperson of the Clean Energy Task Force attended the meeting to invite members of the COA to the Clean Energy Fair that will be held at the East Hampton High School on November 4<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Announcements from the Chair

Dr. Rosenberg announced he will be manning a table at the Clean Energy Fair to promote EHCC. Ms. Angel and Ms. Craig volunteered to help man the table.

Dr. Rosenberg informed members that he will not be able to attend the COA meeting in December.

Senior Services Report

Ms. Ewing reported that the Center has been assisting people in signing up for energy assistance. Although the process seems to be easier than last year, there have been state budget cuts which may result in a larger draw on our local foodbank. Ms. Ewing has been working to improve some issues with communication and food quality with the new food service from The Estuary. Now that the Center is fully staffed Ms. Ewing will be focusing on training new employees. Ms. Ewing invited COA members to attend a meeting with The River Valley Transit, where they will continue to work on improving the accessibility of bus service for the Town's older residents. The Center will be hosting a Veterans event

on November 8, 2023. Veterans will share some of their personal memorabilia followed with an open discussion and refreshments.

#### Old Business

##### EHCC launch

Dr. Rosenberg presented a hand-written note from Michelle Puzzo, Executive Director of UR Community Cares, where she expressed her appreciation and admiration of the COA's efforts and enthusiasm.

Commission members discussed long-term steps to promote East Hampton's Community Cares. Ms. Craig and Ms. Megan will work to arrange more informative meetings with local organizations and faith groups. Ms. Megan presented a final proof of informational pads to be printed for the Town's police, fire, health district, and ambulance personnel, to distribute to anyone they feel could benefit from the program. Members will vote on the printing budget once the initial cost is determined, and possible UCC contribution to printing costs clarified.

Ms. Crabbe presented an overview of the October 4, 2023 Working Group on Fundraising meeting. Ms. Craig made a motion for the fundraising goal to raise an additional \$15,000.00 by December 2023, then another \$10,000 raised by September 2024, for a total of \$30,000.00 since inception. Ms. Mankowski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. (Voted 7-0).

#### Reports from Housing, Transportation and Health & Wellness Subcommittees

Housing: No Update.

Transportation: No Update

Health and Wellness: No Update

Budget: No Update.

#### New Business

Ms. Crabbe nominated Ms. Craig to serve as the Commission on Aging Vice-Chair. Ms. Angel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voted (6-0). Ms. Mankowski left the meeting prior to voting.

#### Public Comment

None

#### Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Maynard  
Recording Clerk