

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023
SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Eric Rosenberg, Vice Chairperson Cindy Craig, Commission members, Mariann Mankowski, Bonnie Berkovich (via Zoom), Shelley Grendzinski, Alternate members, Beth Angel (via Zoom) and Kathy Megan

Also in attendance: Town Council member Jack Solomon and Senior Services Director JoAnn Ewing

Call to Order and Seating of Alternates

Cindy Craig called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

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, 2nd by Ms. Crabbe
Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023 meeting was made by Ms. Mankowski, 2nd by Ms. Grendzinski. (Voted 7-0)

Public Comment

Mr. Solomon informed members of the Shared Clean Energy Facility Program presented by Eversource. The program extends benefits of clean energy to customers who otherwise may not be able to install clean energy generation for their home or business.

Announcements from the Chair

Ms. Craig asked members to report their plans of action for the 2024 year at the next meeting.

Senior Services Report

Ms. Ewing spoke about the Center's new holiday program that was recently held. The staff created a North and South Pole themed celebration where members enjoyed participating in crafts, games, sing-alongs, and food. She expressed her appreciation to the town's shops that hosted a "Stuff a Truck" event. Items were donated those who participated in the program, as well as, residents of Senior Housing and gift certificates were given to Meals on Wheels. Twenty-seven Center members have signed up to attend a special holiday luncheon will be held on December 15th. Ms. Ewing is still continuing to help members with energy assistance and working to improve communication and staffing issues with the Centers food service, Estuary.

Old Business

Reports from Housing, Transportation and Health & Wellness Subcommittees

Housing: Ms. Grendzinski reported that the Housing Authority's grant has gone through. They have begun replacing heaters and working on improvements that need to be addressed. Concerns with difficulty in opening apartment backdoors were discussed by members. Ms. Grendzinski will address those concerns during the next Housing Authority meeting.

Transportation: Ms. Berkovich extended her appreciation to Ms. Ewing on the progress made with van service to older adults. Ms. Ewing reported that River Valley Transit has received a federal grant to improve transit. A pilot program will start this summer where "pulse points" will be created for people to make their connection to another town.

Health and Wellness: Ms. Mankowski informed commission members that she is continuing to work on the beginning plans to integrate enrichment opportunities for older adults to teach classes within the community. The Board of Education has approved space for classes after 3:45pm. She has also met with the Recreation Department for help with advertising and registration. She plans to meet with other town departments in the near future. Target date is still set for January 2025.

EHCC fundraising update: Ms. Crabbe reported that a total of \$12,450.00 has now been raised. Ms. Crabbe thanked Ms. Angel for her efforts in helping people sign up. There are now 22 volunteers 15 members with a total of 25 completed deeds. Members discussed places to disburse the tear off pads.

Budget: Ms. Craig reported total expenditures year to date is \$594.44 with a balance of \$2,027.56 that remains.

New Business

A motion was made by Ms. Craig to approve the proposed meeting dates of 2025. Ms. Grendzinski 2nd the motion. Voted (7-0)

Public Comment

None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Maynard
Recording Clerk