

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Ann McLaughlin, Vice Chairman Robert Atherton, Commission members Bonnie Berkovich, Sue Greeno, Allison Leue, Deborah McDonald (left the meeting at 4:50pm), Mary Jo Shafer and Senior Center Director JoAnn Ewing.

Call to Order

Chairperson McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Leue, seconded by Ms. McDonald to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting as written. Voted (7-0)

Guest Speaker

Kevin Reich, Town Council member, President of the Rotary and United Way Chairman, was present to talk about the results from the survey compiled by the Commission on Aging and suggestions for seniors to be able to live at home as they age. He suggested the Commission do a presentation at an upcoming Rotary Club meeting similar to what was presented to the Town Council regarding the survey results. He thought it would be good to get the information to other groups in the town. He also suggested a seminar, possibly with local contractors, to show people what they can do to make small changes in their homes, such as grab bars, to be able to stay in their homes as they age.

The Commission members suggested a possible tour of a home that has made renovations to accommodate aging/handicap accessibility. They also discussed a seminar or series of seminars with contractors, home care workers etc. where people could ask questions on aging at home.

Public Comment

Cheryl Tyler provided a question through Ms. Ewing. She asked why the town can't pay for transportation for seniors to get to the Senior Center for lunch and activities.

Senior Services Report

Ms. Ewing discussed the bus service that is currently available to the seniors. She indicated some civic groups used to give funding for rides.

Mr. Atherton provided suggestions for current budget funds including a laptop for the senior center to connect to HDMI or possibly giving funds for bus rides.

A motion was made by Ms. Leue, seconded by Ms. Greeno, to give \$500 from the Commission on Aging budget to the Senior Center for bus tickets. Voted (6-0)

### Old Business

#### Transportation Information for Doctor's Offices

The transportation brochure and letter were mailed out this week.

### Senior Discounts

Ms. Shafer is working on confirming all of the senior discounts. When the information is finalized the document will contain a date and the COA logo. An editorial letter in the Rivereast will be done once the information is complete.

### Advocacy Group

Ms. Leue discussed the Advocacy group. The people she works with will assist with the group. The first meeting date is still to be determined.

### Projects for 2018

The Commission discussed the survey presentation to the Rotary Club and suggested also asking the Lions, Village Lions, VFW and Knights of Columbus if they can present to their groups.

### New Business

Mr. Atherton indicated that the Ministry of Mercy group is very interested in working with the Commission on Aging but they have not finalized their plans for the direction their group will be going.

### Housing Authority Report

No report

Ms. McLaughlin would like the group to discuss their meeting time and place at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Leue, seconded by Mr. Atherton, to present a \$50 gift card from Stop & Shop to Pat Dufour, for her past service on the Commission. Voted (6-0)

### Public Comment

None

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Leue, seconded by Ms. Greeno, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Secretary