

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017  
SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Ann McLaughlin, Vice Chairman Bob Atherton, Pat Dufour (left at 4:55 pm), Sue Greeno (arrived at 4:07 pm), Allison Leue (arrived at 4:03 pm), Deborah McDonald and Mary Jo Shafer (arrived at 4:30 pm)

Call to Order

Chairperson McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. McDonald, seconded by Ms. Dufour, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 special meeting. Voted (4-0)

Public Comment

Bob Hart, 71 Spellman Point Road, asked for more detail on the funding needs for the elderly nutrition program.

Bob Russo, Waterhole Road, commented that he would like to find solutions for the elderly nutrition program cutbacks.

Tania Sones, 17 Curry Lane, commented on the cutbacks on the elderly nutrition program and would like to help communicate the issues and needs.

Correspondence

None

Senior Services Report

Jo Ann Ewing provided a history and overview of the issues with the elderly nutrition program. In October CRT received the contract/grant from Senior Resources for the elderly nutrition program. The federal grant has been level funded and they now need additional funding. They have asked the town for an additional \$24,000 to fund the program. The meals have been cut to Monday, Wednesday, Friday with 7 meals served and the Meals on Wheels are waitlisted. The Town and Commission on Aging have met with CRT and the Area Agency on Aging. They have also met with the Superintendent to see if the school lunch program can assist with meals. There has been no resolution at this time.

The Commission on Aging is looking into fundraising for funding for the rest of this year.

A motion was made by Ms. Leue, seconded by Ms. Dufour, that the Commission on Aging hold a special meeting for fundraising planning for the elderly nutrition program. Voted (7-0)

Mr. Hart commented that he is will to donate \$2,000 for this year if all of the processes are put into place.

A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Senior Center.

#### Old Business

##### Round Table - March 29

The Round Table meeting is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Hebron. Ms. McLaughlin, Mr. Atherton, Ms. Shafer and Ms. Ewing are planning to attend.

##### Everbridge System

No new information was provided on this topic.

##### Transportation Information for Doctor's Offices

No input was received from other towns. Ms. Greeno will put the information into a more user friendly format for the Round Table. Members should bring a list of doctor and dentist locations for distribution. Mr. Atherton said he could get the hospital to distribute as well. It could be posted on the Town website also.

##### Planning & Zoning Liaison

Mr. Atherton has been keeping an eye on the agenda and will work with Jeremy DeCarli.

##### Survey

The surveys are all printed and ready to go. It will be in the Rivereast on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

##### New Business

##### Budget

Mr. Atherton updated the budget packet. They will present to the Board of Finance on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

##### 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Ideas were discussed for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

##### Other

Ms. Shafer discussed an article she would like to place in the Rivereast regarding emergency preparedness.

A motion was made by Mr. Atherton, seconded by Ms. Greeno, to send the letter to the Rivereast. Voted (6-0)

Mr. Atherton noted he has been in communication with Subway also related to the meals program.

##### Housing Authority Report

The Housing Authority is working on the Small Cities Grant. They have attended the Inland Wetlands and Planning & Zoning meetings. The grant would pay for work on the Bellwood driveway and the Community Room at Chatham Acres.

Public Comment

Bob Russo, Waterhole Road, commented that he can get food discounts at various stores via his connection with the Food Bank.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Atherton, seconded by Ms. Shafer, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk