

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2018  
SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Ann McLaughlin, Vice Chairman Robert Atherton, Commission members Bonnie Berkovich and Mary Jo Shafer and Senior Center Director JoAnn Ewing.

Not Present: Sue Greeno, Allison Leue and Deborah McDonald

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Atherton, seconded by Ms. Shafer, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 Regular Meeting as written. Voted (4-0)

Public Comment

None

Presentation

Tax Assessor Gail Gwiazdowski – Senior Tax Programs

Tax Assessor Gail Gwiazdowski provided an overview of the property tax relief programs available for veterans, seniors and disabled persons. The flyer with all of the programs currently available will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Senior Services Report

JoAnn Ewing reported that the health fair at the High School was well attended. The seniors had their annual delivery of quilts and bears to the Hole In the Wall Gang Camp. There were visits to Windham Tech, KOCO and the Goodspeed/Gelston House. The Sunday art program has been successful. Mrs. Nichols 4<sup>th</sup> grade class visited for board games. Hartford Hospital mobile mammography was at the Center. The Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Commission on Aging was a success. The float committee for Old Home Day has been working on their design. There was a safe driving course and the silver sneaker programs are highly attended.

Old Business

Ice Cream Social

The Ice Cream Social was a success. Thank you to all that helped.

Senior Discounts

The article is ready for the Rivereast.

Survey

Ms. McDonald presented the survey to the Rotary Club.

#### Advocacy Group

Mr. Atherton reviewed the last Advocacy meeting. They worked on a mission statement, came up with a possible name and they completed an exercise.

#### Health Fair

The Health fair was a success.

#### Round Table

The Round Table was a success. Marlborough will host the next meeting in the fall. Bullying could be a possible topic.

#### Events Magazine

Ms. McLaughlin asked for a member to write the next article for the August Events magazine.

#### New Business

##### Aging in Place

The commission discussed fall seminars, a possible open house and a possible presentation from the funeral home director.

Mr. Atherton attended the CT Coalition on Aging and ALICE-Asset limit income constrained employee. There was discussion of dental coverage.

Mr. Atherton and Ms. Greeno attended the Route 66 Corridor Study workshop. Crosswalks, sidewalks, benches, bus stops, safer intersections, safer crossings, bike paths and sprawl were discussed.

Ms. Ewing and Ms. Berkovich attended the CT Association of Senior Center Personnel workshop. They discussed evidence based programming.

#### Housing Authority Report

No new information to report.

#### Public Comment

None

Mr. Atherton commented on inviting the Police Chief to a future meeting.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Atherton, seconded by Ms. Shafer, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 pm. Voted (4-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Secretary