

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019
SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Robert Atherton, Vice Chairman Sue Greeno, Commission members Bonnie Berkovich, Linda Brogan, Mariann Mankowski, Deborah McDonald (arrived at 4:15pm) and Eric Rosenberg and Senior Center Director JoAnn Ewing.

Call to Order

Chairperson Atherton called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Add Update on Advocacy Group under Old Business.

A motion was made by Ms. Mankowski, seconded by Ms. Brogan to accept the agenda as amended. Voted (6-o)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Berkovich, seconded by Ms. Brogan, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 Regular Meeting as written. Voted (6-o)

Welcome New Member

New member Eric Rosenberg was introduced to the commission.

Public Comment

JoAnn Ewing asked the members to look at the new photos throughout the Senior Center.

Senior Services Report

Ms. Ewing reviewed the on-going programs and activities. A dementia workshop was held, a Library seminar will be held in collaboration with the Building Department on "How to Hire a Contractor", and a stroke workshop is scheduled for February 27th.

Old Business

Review Thriving in Place Workshop Series Planning Meeting of February 6th

A listing of topics for Thriving in Place was put together and assigned to each of the commission members. The Lions Club will discuss whether they will hold the health fair at their March meeting.

Discussion of Roll Out Event for the Series (if there is no Health Fair)

Options were discussed for getting the word out on the Thriving in Place workshop series if there is no health fair. Option included grocery bags with information, advertising in the Rivereast, the webpage and Facebook.

Advocacy Group

They had a presentation from Middletown Area Transit Director Lisa Seymour. They discussed the funding and availability of transportation that is available. DOT controls

the majority of the funding. They are working on bus stop shelters, signs and re-working the routes. Education needs to be done on the transportation available for those that may have not used the transportation in the past or those who had issues in the past and are reluctant to use it again. There was also some discussion on a same day call service that may become available.

New Business

Discussion of Letter Development to Town Council Regarding New Member Adoption

Mr. Atherton provided a draft letter regarding how the Town Council Appointments Sub-Committee does interviews and appointments for members to commissions. They would like to make suggestions to change the process. The letter will be edited before sending.

Update on Workshops from Responsible Members

No update at this time.

Budget Update

The budget for 2019-2020 was submitted with the same request of \$1,200 as 2018-2019.

Housing Authority Report

Ms. Brogan reported that tenants have noted their complaints on the snow removal at the properties and other issues.

It was suggested that the Commission on Aging and Housing Authority have a joint meeting to see how the two groups can work together.

A motion was made by Ms. Mankowski, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to extend an invitation to the Housing Authority Board to attend a meeting on March 14th or May 9th. Voted (7-0)

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Mankowski, seconded by Ms. Greeno, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk