

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

Present: Chairperson Robert Atherton, Commission members, Bonnie Berkovich, Pat Hamill, Marian Mankowski, Carol McLaughlin and Eric Rosenberg and Senior Center Director JoAnn Ewing.

Not Present: Vice Chairperson Sue Greeno

Call to Order

Chairperson Atherton called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Mankowski, seconded by Ms. Hamill, to adopt the agenda as written. Voted (6-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Mankowski, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting as written. Voted (6-0)

Public Comment

None

Senior Services Report

Ms. Ewing reported she is working with the Chatham Health District on re-opening options for the Senior Center. They are still doing grab & go lunches. They are working on Medicare Open Enrollment via Zoom but are working on ways to set things up for in person meetings.

Old Business

Discussion of Emergency Alert System with Emergency Management Director

Emergency Management Director Rich Klotzbier and CERT member Karen Olson were in attendance to discuss the Town's Emergency Alert system.

The group discussed the Alert system and how it works. They would like to get more people to sign up, especially seniors. There was discussion on the section of the Alerts sign up for special/medical needs and how that list is intended to be used. There were questions on what the Commission could do to assist in contacting those with special/medical needs. Ms. Ewing also has an at-risk listing of her own making.

A motion was made by Ms. Mankowski, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to discuss this topic in greater detail next month and to develop and prioritize the process. Voted (6-0)

Discussion of Bag Lunch/Ice Cream Social

On September 30th from 1:00pm to 1:45pm there will be a drive through picnic at Town Hall that includes a bag lunch and a coupon for ice cream from Chatham Creamery. The Commission on Aging reusable bags will be used to provide additional documents for the participants.

Discussion of Medicare Open Enrollment Process

This item was discussed during the Senior Services Report.

Pen Pal Update

The pen pal program has been successful. It was noted that many individuals in their letters noted loneliness as an issue during this time of COVID.

New Business:

Ms. Mankowski asked if the Commission can do anything to help seniors with voting. It was noted the Housing Authority is assisting their residents with voting.

Housing Authority Report:

No update

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ms. Berkovich, second by Ms. Mankowski, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk