TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Robert Atherton, Vice Chairman Sue Greeno, Commission members, Bonnie Berkovich, Pat Hamill, Mariann Mankowski (arrived at 4:27pm), Carol McLaughlin, Eric Rosenberg and Senior Center Director Jo Ann Ewing.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Berkovich, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voted (6-0)

Recognition of Guests

Jodi Brazal, Jo Ann Ewing, and Sheryl Dougherty were recognized.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Hamill, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting as written. Voted (6-0)

Public Comment None

Senior Services Report

Jo Ann Ewing provided an overview of the latest vaccine clinic that was held. There were 180 people signed up with an additional 40 people on the waitlist. There will be a clinic for more vaccine shots on March 17th. Chatham Health could help some of the people on the waitlist during the upcoming clinic time. The shots are being scheduled really well with the help of the volunteers. Before the latest clinic date, about 66% of the 75+ group have been vaccinated.

Discussion with Housing Authority Staff Regarding Possible Collaborations

The community is the heart of the population for the community. The members discussed getting the appropriate information out to the community to give them a chance to see what options there are within the town. The main topics of conversation were helping seniors with housing and basic living expenses while on a fixed income. The members talked about the possibility of building an assisted living home in town to help the seniors with the two main topics.

Old Business

a. Discussion of Budget: None

New Business

The members discussed forming or reenacting a 'round table committee'. This committee would be formed from 7 different aging commissions from the surrounding towns. The purpose of this committee would be to help each town build and form programs for the community and the seniors within. Programs such as workshops or webinars on topics aimed for seniors and helping to find housing for seniors on fixed incomes. There needs to be more discussions and reach out to other aging commissions in other towns to see if they would want to join.

Housing Authority Report None

Public Comment None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Mankowski, to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 P.M. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Aligata Recording Clerk