

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021  
SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Robert Atherton, Vice Chairman Sue Greeno, Commission members, Eric Rosenberg, Bonnie Berkovich via Zoom, Mariann Mankowski via Zoom and Senior Center Director JoAnn Ewing

Not Present: Carol McLaughlin

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Add what benefits do seniors get from tax dollars to agenda. Motion made by Ms. Berkovich to adopt the agenda. Second by Dr. Rosenberg voted (5-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Greeno, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021 Regular Meeting as written. Voted (5-0)

Public Comment

Ms. Patricia Calderone attended meeting. Applied for Commission Vacancy. Ms. Calderone works for the State as Ombudsmen in Middlesex County for long-term care facilities, residential care home and assisted living facilities.

Senior Services Report

Jo Ann Ewing reported on the Senior Center programs. She noted that attendance is up since June 2021, the attendance is at about fifty percent since June of 2019. Travel programs are up and running. There are 75 people signed up for up-coming travel opportunities. Ms. Ewing is applying for a 5310 Grant for a van. This grant is funded by the State at 100%. Senior participating in OHD Reverse Parade.

Old Business

Housing Survey/Meeting with Town Manager

Dr. Rosenberg shared the outcome of the meeting Mr. Cox, Town Manager and Bob Atherton. Reviewed purpose of survey and set a tentative schedule for Town council presentation 7/26/21. Draft survey will have to be done by July 22. Asked for a Special Meeting to get survey finalized prior to July 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cox challenge COA with the what the Committee is doing with the results. Special Meeting set for July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Senior Center. Eric shared draft minutes and draft survey with members present at meeting. He will email both documents to all COA members.

Committee will review draft survey to finalize July 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Greeno commented that the results may reveal what action to be taken, so if the Council asks, it may be too soon to

answer what we will do. This survey is only a beginning steps to providing more services to the community's older adults. Reviewed marketing strategies for the survey.

#### New Business

Tax dollar benefits.

#### Housing Authority Report

Ms. Berkovich reported on the Housing Authority. The Commission continues to finalize usage of the grant awarded. The EHHA will no longer receive the bundled package from the cable company. The individuals will have to pay for their own cable.

#### Public Comment

Patricia Calderone: Suggestions: Demographic, ADA compliant. Patricia will check with the State. Likes marketing idea of the digital board stickers: My Voice Matters.

#### Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg, and second by Ms. Greeno to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. Voted (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann H. Ewing  
Senior Service Coordinator