

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021  
SENIOR CENTER AND ZOOM

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Robert Atherton, Vice Chairperson Sue Greeno, Commission members, Carol McLaughlin, Patricia Calderone, Eric Rosenberg via Zoom, Bonnie Berkovich via Zoom, Mariann Mankowski via Zoom, Alison Walck -Town Council Liaison, and Senior Center Director JoAnn Ewing.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Greeno, to adopt the agenda as written. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. McLaughlin, seconded by Ms. Greeno, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Regular Meeting as written. Voted (7-0)

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Senior Services Report

Jo Ann Ewing reported on the Senior Center programs. Approval of a grant for Elderly Services handicapped bus. Ms. Ewing applied for 5310 DOT grant in August 2021. Received notice of Grant Award last week from Department of Transportation. Spring or summer delivery expected. Bus will complete medical and recreational trips. In process of hiring a driver position. Bus is 12-seater with 2 wheelchair positions and hydraulic lift. Mr. Atherton asked about the need to change the ruling through the MAT about transport to Marlborough. Ms. Ewing suggested a conversation needs to take place with the MAT Administrator, to address Older Adult transportation needs.

Senior Center programming continues in the Holiday spirit. One of three micro holiday parties was held at Po's Rice and Spice. Two others scheduled for December 12 and 20 which will service 90 people total in small groups. Discussion ensued to recognize Po's community spirit. Trip to Newport Bus trip. Ms. Ewing mentioned how busy the Center is with an intergenerational writer's group, a Holiday Party for an individual who celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. All done within the safety parameters.

New Year's Celebration is scheduled at the Senior Center on December 30. Energy Assistance applications continue to be accepted. CRT Certification can be a problem for the individuals, as certification doesn't occur before the fuel delivery is needed. This causes a lot of follow-up to ensure folks have fuel.

### Old Business

Discussion of dates to meet with council re: survey. Jan 4, 6,10,13.

Majority of COA members could meet on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Chairperson Atherton will call Cathy to confirm the date.

COA members chose an area of interest from the survey to present to the Town Council. Discussed how to present the information to Town Council. If anyone does not want to present that is fine; but please show support of the project by being in attendance to the Town Council meeting.

Alison Walck suggested inviting Ray Zatorski Chair of Planning and Zoning Commission to the presentation meeting.

Presentation Structure was discussed.

Review of Survey and distribution of assignments.

Transportation: Chairperson Atherton and Ms. Berkovich

Housing Services: Ms. McLaughlin and Ms. Calderone

Healthcare: Ms. Greeno and Dr. Rosenberg

Overall: Dr. Eric Rosenberg

Ms. Mankowski to be supporter

What is the presentation going to look like? Power point suggested.

Dr. Rosenberg suggested to focus on the detailed write-in comments and what % of people were not satisfied.

Hi-Lo investment sheet that Eric put together from COA past meeting.

Dry run on presentation to critique ?

### New Business

None

### Housing Authority Report

Energy Assistance

Policy Development for Damage deposit

### Public Comment

None

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Mankowski, seconded by Ms. Berkovich, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann H. Ewing  
Senior Service Coordinator  
Municipal Agent  
Senior Center Director