

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022  
SENIOR CENTER & ZOOM

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Robert Atherton, Vice Chairperson Sue Greeno (Zoom), Commission members Bonnie Berkovich, Patricia Calderone (Zoom), Mariann Mankowski, Carol McLaughlin (Zoom), Dr. Eric Rosenberg (Zoom), and Senior Center Director Jo Ann Ewing

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Berkovich, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Berkovich, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting as amended. Voted (7-0)

Public Comment

Alison Walck, Town Council Liaison, reminded everyone that the budget referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at the High School and to please vote. The mill rate increase is approximately .13 mills.

Senior Services Report

Ms. Ewing reviewed the ongoing programs at the Senior Center. There will be a picnic at Sears Park on June 15. Several presentations will be available regarding end-of-life planning. The Center has been celebrating Older Americans Month. Summer program planning is in progress. Another picnic will be held on August 24 at Sears Park. An educational presentation by Chatham Health is being scheduled about the current state of the pandemic. Energy Assistance is available until the end of May.

Budget

The Commission has \$434 left in this year's budget. Next year's proposed budget is the same as past years at \$1,200.

Old Business

Website Update

Mr. Atherton commented on the Commission on Aging's webpage on the Town's website. A newer version of the brochure needs to be posted. There was discussion of reviewing the Senior Discounts. Several members said they would talk with the businesses on the list. Mr. Atherton, Ms. Greeno and Ms. Berkovich will review the website and suggest changes and additions to the content.

### Recycle Bag Purchase

Mr. Atherton priced out shopping bags. 170 bags can be ordered at \$2.99 per bag, which would total approximately \$500. Ms. Walck noted she will make a donation to the commission for \$500 for the bags. The members discussed other small items that could be purchased to put into the bags when they are distributed at events.

### Ice Cream Social

The members discussed ideas for the format of the Ice Cream Social. It was suggested to combine it with one of the summer picnics, possibly bringing in an ice cream truck for the August 24<sup>th</sup> picnic. Further discussion will be held on the topic.

### Reports from Housing, Transportation and Health & Wellness Sub-Committees

Members discussed the best way to present the reports from each of the sub-committees to the Town Council. The members will discuss this further after all groups have officially met. The Health & Wellness Sub-Committee will meet on Monday, May 16 at 11am.

### New Business

None

### Housing Authority Report

None

### Public Comment

None

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Berkovich, seconded by Ms. Calderone, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk