

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022
SENIOR CENTER AND ZOOM

Minutes

Present: Vice Chairperson Sue Greeno, Commission members Bonnie Berkovich, Carol McLaughlin, Dr. Eric Rosenberg

Also in attendance: Jo Ann Ewing and resident Sali Parker

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Greeno called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Greeno, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, to adopt the agenda. Voted (4-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Greeno, seconded by Ms. Berkovich, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting as presented. Voted (4-0)

Public Comment

Vice Chairperson Greeno introduced Ms. Sali Parker. Ms. Parker stated that she has an interest in serving as a new community member on the board of Commission On Aging and was in attendance to observe.

Senior Services Report

Ms. Ewing shared some highlights of recent events at the senior center such as a visit from the East Hampton High School Interact club sponsored by the Rotary, assistance with Medicare open enrollment and a luncheon with local and state representatives. She reported the Lion's Club and Connecticut Foodshare mobile food pantry located at St. Patrick's church has seen an increase in participation. The center will continue to assist seniors in applying for benefits through the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program and work to recruit drivers for Meals on Wheels.

Budget

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg to table the budget until next month, as Chairperson Atherton was not in attendance to report. Ms. McLaughlin second the motion. Voted (4-0)

Old Business

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

Dr. Rosenberg met with Town Manager David Cox to discuss the survey recommendations with a focused theme of motivation, celebration and education. He expressed the need to improve the communication of available programs and services and suggested the commission to periodically report the progress of issues important to seniors to the town council. Dr. Rosenberg will continue to meet with Mr. Cox on a quarterly basis to monitor progress.

Dr. Rosenberg will invite Jeremy DeCarli, of the town's building and land use department to share information on ADU's with the committee at the next meeting in December.

Ms. Greeno and Council Member Alison Walck will meet with Mr. Cox to discuss similar subjects regarding the survey for senior health and wellness recommendations and next steps.

Website Update

No Update

Recycle Bag Purchase

The recycle bags have arrived and will be stored at the senior center to use for future events.

New Business

Membership: There is still a need to fill two open seats on the commission. Clarification of membership regarding the ordinance, which states one member of the Housing Authority Board must serve on the Commission on Aging. Sue will contact the Housing Authority to inquire about the possibility of the Tenant Commissioner to also serve as a representative on the Commission on Aging.

Involvement with the Housing Authority: The importance of collaboration and willingness to work with the new board and the possibility to extend an invitation to attend the commissions future meetings was discussed.

Approval of 2023 Meeting Dates: A motion was made by Ms. Greeno, seconded by Ms. Berkovich to approve the 2023 meeting dates as presented. Voted (4-0)

Housing Authority Report

No Update

Public Comment

Ms. Parker inquired about the possibility of assigning a person to keep an updated database with information and resources that are available to seniors on a local and federal level.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Berkovich, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm. Voted (4-0)

