

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
COMMISSION ON AGING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023, 10 a.m. - Noon  
SENIOR CENTER AND ZOOM

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Dr. Eric Rosenberg, Vice Chairperson Sue Greeno, Commission members Jean Sundstrom, Sali Cosford Parker, Shelly Grendzinski, Carol McLaughlin and Bonnie Berkovich (left at 11:50)  
Also in attendance: Senior Services Coordinator, Jo Ann Ewing

Call To Order

Dr. Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Presentation and Discussion of UR Community Cares

An informative presentation was made by Michelle Puzzo, Founder and Executive Director of the non-profit foundation UR Community Cares, to the COA members. UCC uses an online platform to connect volunteers to people 70 and over, and individuals 18 and older with a permanent or temporary physical disability in their own community, who are looking for help with companionship, housework, yardwork or transportation.

After her presentation, Ms. Puzzo left. Then a motion was made by Ms. Cosford to table discussions regarding the UCC partnership until the end of the meeting, to determine whether UCC required any contract that would need to be reviewed. Ms. Greeno seconded the motion. Approved (7-0)

At the end of the meeting, the COA had determined from Ms. Puzzo that there is no mandatory contract. After further discussion, a motion was made for the COA to continue to move forward with the UR Community Cares partnership in East Hampton, by Ms. McLaughlin. Seconded by Ms. Sundstrom. Approved (6-0)

New Business

Dr. Rosenberg presented a letter he wrote to the Town Council supporting the East Hampton Ambulance Association budget request. He suggested the COA could write a letter of support as well, as the need for prompt, excellent ambulance service was a serious concern to older adults. A motion was made by Ms. Greeno to approve the letter written by Dr. Rosenberg, with modifications, on behalf of the COA. Ms. McLaughlin seconded the motion. Approved (7-0)

Adoption of Strategic Plan

The commission reviewed and discussed at length the proposed COA list of possible project ideas. A motion to adopt the COA list of project ideas for 2023-2024 as a living document, as modified in COA's discussion, was made by Ms. McLaughlin. Ms. Sundstrom seconded the motion. Approved (5 in favor-1 opposed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Maynard  
Recording Clerk