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East Haddam Commission on Aging
COA Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2023 Senior Center

Present: Brad Parker, Joe Sina, Jo Golec, Jo Cozean, Maureen Gillis, June Guertin, Mary Ellen Klinck.
Absent: Barbara Davis, Sue Bostelman, Elaine Flaherty

Meeting called to order at 10:35 AM by J. Sina.

Minutes: The January 26, 2023 Minutes were accepted with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: No change in account as reported by B. Parker.

Correspondence: Two pieces of correspondence were received from the East Hampton Committee on Aging. First, they want to recommence the quarterly regional meetings. Marlborough will host in late April and East Hampton in late July. Brad will send out the dates when he receives them. We will likely host in the Fall or Winter. Second, they are sponsoring a program Saturday April 15 from 1-2 pm at the East Hampton Town Hall about home renovations for safety, Accessory Dwelling Units and information about USDA's Section 504 Home Repair program. It is free and open to the public, but people must register.

Old Business:

- Covid-19: Covid cases are low in East Haddam; recent reports are less than 5 per week.
- Senior Meals: During February (when there were some holidays, and the weather was cold or poor) meal attendance dropped a bit. CRT is still furnishing meals 3 times a week and Hometown Market 2 times. Because Hometown is furnishing meals twice a week, we have not had to limit attendance because of CRT constraints. The charge of $4 per meal does not cover the cost of $8 for Hometown but the difference is made up by donations. There were 60 people at the St. Patrick's Day lunch (catered by Hometown) and many compliments were received.
- Meals on Wheels: Funding guidelines dictate that no one can be added until someone drops off, but the list of recipients changes frequently due to short term needs after hospital stays, etc.

New Business: Brad will discuss the content of Events Magazine article (due 3/31) with Maureen after the meeting. He will also follow up as to why the magazine is not being delivered to anyone with a PO Box.

First Selectman's Report: None.

Coordinator's Report:

- 2 seniors have passed away and their obituaries stated that contributions could be made to the Senior Club; donations have started to come in. Brad has ordered Thank You notes to be sent to donors.
- February statistics saw some drop in attendance due to holidays and poor weather. 120 people have had their taxes done by Tax Aide volunteers, with 2 weeks left to go.
- The tentative schedule for April was passed out, with more activities likely to be added. Items of note:
    - This Saturday, there will be a dance with the NHR Class of 2025 (a fundraiser for them). 30 people have signed up so far.
    - On 3/31, there will be a wine tasting. The April Newsletter, a tour of the Center, crackers/cheese, etc. will be available along with the wine. We are hoping to get a good crowd and attract new people to the Center.
    - The Center will be closed 4/7 for Good Friday.
    - Plans are in the works for the annual picnic in June.

- Easter Egg Hunt is 4/6, with many great prizes. There is usually a good turnout for this event.
- AARP Drive Safety Class is 4/12; sign up at Front Desk.
- 4/26 is Volunteer Reception. Suggestions for Volunteer of the Year should be written down and given to Brad or Patti. All suggestions will be considered.

The next COA Meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2023 at 10:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM

Respectfully submitted, Maureen Gillis, Acting Secretary