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East Haddam Commission on Aging
COA Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2023 Senior Center

Present: Brad Parker, Joe Sina, Jo Cozean, Barbara Davis, June Guertin, Mary Ellen Klinck, Elaine Flaherty, Maureen Gillis
Absent: Jo Golec, Sue Bostelman
Guest: John Olin, Democratic candidate for Selectman.

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

Minutes: The July 2023 meeting was canceled. The May 25, 2023 Minutes were accepted as written.

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

Correspondence: None

Old Business

- Senior Meals: For the past 6 years, the Senior Meals have been provided by CRT. As of October 1, 2023, Monday, Wednesday & Friday meals will be provided by The Estuary. They will provide meals for all of Middlesex County. HomeTown Market will still provide the meals on Tuesdays & Thursdays. No change in price.
- The Senior Center line item in the Town Budget does not cover meals. Shortfall for meals comes from the generous donations of townspeople.
- Covid-19: the latest booster has been approved by the FDA. COVID Booster shots will be given at the Senior Center on Nov. 14.

New Business: None
First Selectman's Report: None
Coordinator's Report:

- J. Sina will present his photos and a talk about his trip to Romania
- Halloween Bingo & Pizza Party on 10/26. $10 for Bingo and Pizza
- Chatham Health will present a 'Life Well Lived' talk
- Ivoryton Playhouse trip to see 'The Color Purple'
- Flu Shots will be available on 10/10.
- Oct. 18: HomeTown Market will be giving out free breakfast sandwiches to those 60 and older from 8-11 AM
- Wii Bowling will be beginning; see newsletter for details or sign up with Patti
- Medicare Counseling will be available on 11/1, 11/15 & 11/29.
- Holiday Fair will be held on Dec. 2. Many vendors have signed up. There will be a Tea Cup Auction and Bake Sale.
- Energy Assistance, a federal program, will now be processed through Y&FS
- Donations to the East Haddam Fuel Bank can be sent to Dr. Karl Stofko

Other: ME Klinck mentioned that Ray Flaherty is writing a book about Education and he is trying to get it published. John Olin said that he has had 5 books published and will talk to E. Flaherty about it.

The next meeting is on November 16, 10:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 11 AM

Respectfully submitted by,
Barbara Davis, Secretary