East Haddam Commission on Aging
COA Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2024 Senior Center

Present: Brad Parker, Joe Sina, Jo Cozean, Barbara Davis, June Guertin, Jo Golec, Maureen Gillis, Elaine Flaherty
Absent: Mary Ellen Klinck, Sue Bostelman
Guest: none

Meeting called to order at 10:31 AM by J. Sina.

Minutes: The November 2023 minutes were accepted with one correction: date of next meeting should have read "January 25, 2024". Motion to accept with change by J. Cozean and seconded by E. Flaherty.

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

Correspondence: Two members of the Senior Club have recently passed away: Alice Sabo and Audrey Martin. Several memorial donations have been received in their names.

Old Business

- Senior Meals: Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels (MOW) are still being provided by The Estuary on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. They provide meals for all of Middlesex County. Comments that the meals are better. HomeTown Market will still provide the meals on Tuesdays & Thursdays and have new additions to the monthly menu. Right now there are 16 MOW clients.
- COVID 19 Update: 83 Booster shots were given on 11/14. 40 RSV shots were also given in the Fall. There have not been any reports of Covid or RSV.

New Business:

- B. Parker has a meeting today with the new Finance Director, Valerie Belles, to discuss the upcoming budget. There will be a slight increase in the Senior Services budget. B. Parker applied for a grant through the State from AARPA and was granted $24,050. These funds will be used to replace 2 air conditioning units at the Senior Center. The third unit will be replaced when more funds are available.

Coordinator's Report:

- Senior Calendar Items: Souper Bowl will be held on February 1;
- Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social, February 14;
- Wine Tasting was very popular last year, and possibly hold another tasting event in April with wine and perhaps craft beer.
- Blood Drive: next Blood Drive in May.

First Selectman's Report: None

The next meeting is on March 28, 2024 at 10:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Davis, Secretary