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East Haddam Commission on Aging
COA Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2025 Senior Center

Present: Brad Parker, Joe Sina, Jo Cozean, June Guertin, Heather Hunt, Elaine Flaherty, Maureen Gillis
Absent: Barbara Davis, Mary Ellen Klinck, Tom O'Brien
Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by J. Sina.

Minutes: The January 2025 minutes were accepted. Motion to accept by J. Cozean and seconded by E. Flaherty.

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

Correspondence: none

Old Business

- Senior Meals: Doing well, February numbers dropped due to weather. J. Sina asked about the senior meals account, which is used to cover extra expenses. Due to the generosity of many people, the account is healthy at this point. A fundraiser is being discussed.

New Business: J. Cozean has been working with *Events Magazine*, the Post Offices and the Town because Events is no longer being delivered to PO Boxes. It is expected that the resolution will be that a stack of magazines will be left at each PO (currently, this has been arranged for the EH PO).

Coordinator's Report:

- Events coming up: AARP Safe Driver Course 4/9 (offered every 2 years to anyone over 50); National Volunteer Month is in April, on 4/23 at 1:30 the Center will hold its annual reception to recognize volunteers and Senior of the Year (please sign up); on 4/24, nighttime Bingo and pizza will recommence; Wine & Craft Beer Tasting to be held 5/2; Atlantic City Trip 10/28-10/30 (don't need to live in EH or be a senior to sign up); Arts and Crafts starts back up 4/30; WII Bowling is quite popular but cornhole has been discontinued due to lack of participation.
- Want to start having volunteers conduct weekly visits to homebound seniors; there will be a sign up and ideas are to bring newsletter/Events Magazine etc. to seniors and perform an informal wellness check and socialize as desired. More info to follow.
- Annual picnic will be in June; date TBD.
- Town budget vote will be in a few weeks; Center budget was increased only by costs that cannot be controlled (electric rates, etc.)

First Selectman's Report: Report item to be removed from agenda in future. If anyone has any concerns they want raised with the Town, get questions to Brad before the meeting and he will ask them.

The next meeting is on May 22, 2025 at 10:30 AM at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Gillis, Acting Secretary