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**East Haddam Commission on Aging
COA Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2018**

Present: Brad Parker, Jovita Cozean, Barbara Davis, Jo Golec, John Pagnani, Joseph Sina, Alice Sabo, Maureen Gillis.

Absent: Sue Bostelman, Emmett Lyman, Mary Ellen Klinck

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

J. Pagnani introduced Maureen Gillis and made a motion for M. Gillis to be seated in place of S. Bostelman. Seconded by J. Golec.

J. Pagnani made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2018 special meeting. Seconded by J. Cozean and carried.

A. Sabo reported that the Treasurer's Report was not available, but there is approximately \$5,200.00 in the account. This is a Town account that the COA controls.

J. Golec reported that she and B. Davis attended the COA Regional meeting in East Hampton on 10/18/18. East Haddam will be hosting the next Regional COA meeting on January 10, 2019. Peaches Quinn will be the speaker, and the focus of her talk will be Senior Advocacy. A. Sabo volunteered to coordinate refreshments. There will be a committee meeting on December 3 from 1-3 to discuss final details for the Regional COA.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

- Discussion was held to set up the COA meeting dates for 2019. Everyone was in favor of the 3rd Thursday every other month, beginning in January.
- Sound Panels were installed in the large room by Arnie & Barbara Davis last weekend. The Senior Club paid for the tiles, at cost, and the labor was donated by Davis Handyman Repair.
- The light under the portico was replaced, using town funds
- An AARP Driving Class was held yesterday, 24 people attended.
- Open enrollment for Medicare/Supplements: there is one more week to make an appointment. Some towns can't get volunteers, so some of our volunteers are helping out in surrounding towns.
- The Leos Pumpkin Walk was very successful. About 300 people attended the Light Show on Sunday night.
- 11/15: Bingo
- 11/20: Holyoke Trip
- 11/26: Teacup Auction set-up
- 11/27: Bus: Shopping Trip
- 11/28: Last day for open enrollment for Medicare
- Elementary School Kindergartners made special gifts to give Seniors at 1:30
- 12/1: Craft Fair
- 12/4: Holiday Breakfast Trip: leaves at 8:15 AM; Thread City Diner
- 12/5: Casino Trip
- 12/9: Christmas Caroling for homebound seniors (leave SC at 2 PM); Pizza & salad afterward
- 12/10: Holiday Lunch & Party; Middle School Chorus; Teacup drawing
- 12/11: Windham Tech for Holiday Lunch; \$15

- 12/12: Local Girl Scout Troop: making decoration
- 12/12: Park & Rec Director Lisa Conroy: Project Jingles – mailbox on the Green; asking Seniors to help write responses to kids' letters
- 12/14: Cora: monthly Massage Therapy; Foot Doctor
- 12/18: Shopping Trip
- 12/20: Bingo
- 12/21: High Schoolers coming to SC to sing Christmas Carols
- 12/28: New Years Eve Party: 12:00: Anthony Nero & Anthony Valentino will provide the entertainment
- Every Wednesday in February & March: tax assistance. Appointments between 9 AM – 2 PM
- Fuels Assistance: helped 19 people last week. So far this year 75 people have been given fuel assistance. Let Brad know if you know anyone who might need help.
- High Schoolers: Straight From the Heart Club will make Turkey Dinners for those who would not have one. Last year they provided 21 dinners.

Other:

A Touch Screen will be coming soon to the Senior Center for people to sign in for activities.
Senior Center.

The next regular COA Meeting will be held at the Senior Center on January 17, 2019 at 10:30.

A motion to adjourn was made by A. Sabo, seconded by J. Cozean. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Davis, Secretary