TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

COMMISSION ON AGING

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

SENIOR CENTER

Minutes

Present: Chairperson Ann McLaughlin, Vice Chairperson Mary Jo Shafer, Robert Atherton, Patricia Dufour, Sue Greeno (arrived at 3:05 p.m.) and Allison Leue

Not Present: Deborah McDonald

**Call to Order**

Chairperson McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Senior Center.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Dufour, seconded by Mr. Atherton, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 regular meeting as amended. Voted (5-0)

**Public Comment**

None

**Correspondence**

Ms. McLaughlin reported that she received a letter from Tom Cushing complimenting JoAnn Ewing on the work she does with the seniors.

Ms. McLaughlin also received a letter noting that a restaurant on the senior discount list did not provide the discount shown. She also noted other issues with restaurants on the list. She wants to be sure that all of those listed for discounts are accurate since the Commission on Aging is promoting the discounts and doesn’t want to shed a negative light on the Commission. Ms. Shafer and Mr. Atherton will work on certificates for the restaurants and the commission members will distribute once complete.

**Senior Services Report**

Ms. Ewing provided an overview of activities at the Senior Center. She noted May is Older Americans Month. She asked the Commission members to send letters of support to the legislators regarding possible cuts to the State Commission on Aging.

**Old Business**

**Update on Budget**

Ms. Ewing and Mr. Atherton met with the Board of Finance at the budget meetings in March. At this time there are no cuts proposed to the COA budget.

**Seminars**

The Dementia Tour is set for June 9th from 4pm to 7pm. Commission members volunteered to assist in the program. A flyer will be put together by Faith Paddon. The flyers will be distributed by commission members to convalescent homes, home care agencies, group homes and ambulance/first responders. Mr. Atherton will do a press release.

**New Business**

**Round Table – May 11 – Portland**

The next Round Table Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11th at the Portland Senior Center. Mr. Atherton and Ms. McDonald will represent the Commission at the table. The remaining Commission members are welcome to attend in the audience. Ms. McLaughlin will handle publicity.

**Ice Cream Social**

The Ice Cream Social is scheduled for May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Leue will get the ice cream and Mr. Atherton will get all the paper goods.

**Everbridge System**

Ms. McLaughlin met with Mike Maniscalco regarding the Everbridge system. A meeting will be set up with Mr. Maniscalco, Ms. McLaughlin, Emergency Management Director Rich Klotzbier and Bill Kramer of the Chatham Health District. There were questions regarding the Everbridge system information and whether it is public information. Ms. McLaughlin would like to cross reference it with the seniors. She would like the Commission on Aging to promote the alert system update.

**Survey**

Ms. McLaughlin reminded the Commission that the Town Council needs to approve all surveys. She asked the members to bring questions to the next meeting.

Ms. Ewing brought up the topic of a volunteer transportation program that was in existence in the past – the FISH program. There were questions about the St. Luke’s transportation program and what happened. Mr. Atherton will contact Eric from St. Luke’s regarding what happened to their program.

Ms. Greeno asked how the Men’s and Women’s Groups are doing. Ms. Ewing reported that the men are flourishing and the women are reorganizing.

Mr. Maniscalco will be attending the May 12th Commission on Aging meeting.

**Housing Authority Report**

Ms. McLaughlin reported that they are awaiting a final contract for signatures. The Bellwood parking lot will be redesigned.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Shafer, seconded by Ms. Dufour, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Voted (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois

Recording Clerk