

## Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting

April 18, 2019

231 Maple Road Longmeadow, MA 01106

**Present:** Executive Director Jim Leyden, Chair Julie Moulton, Vice Chair George Shea, Secretary Ellie Tyson, Marybeth Bergeron, Saul Finestone, Phil Hallahan, John Bowen, Rose Morace, Marge Morgan, Fran Miffitt, Eleanor Stolar, Judy Yaffe, Theresa Yesu, Select Board Liaison Marie Angelides

**Absent:** Jay Leib, Marilyn Hurst

**Guest:** Program Coordinator Lindsay Gill, Robin Frechette, Earl Godfrey.

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of March 21, 2019 were approved.

### Old Business:

We started with Old business as our new van was being delivered at 10:30am and we wanted to welcome our new program coordinator before the delivery. Her name is Lindsay Gill, a graduate of Holy Cross and from Longmeadow. Her position now is up to 30 hours. We are pleased to welcome her to the center.

### Reports:

**a. Select board:** Marie stated new bylaws to be reviewed. There is a warrant article for funds to fix the fields at Wolf Swamp, "We owe this for our kids and grandkids." Also, a change in the budget, Steven Foster pulled money to fix roads in town. Also a question in the bylaws regarding the gas meter facility. Phil noted that the part and recreation were very helpful when we were looking at the Wolf Swamp area for a new center. Saul thanked Marie for her help in passing the warrant for our new center. A question regarding the new "bumps" in town. The one by the High School they will try to smooth down.

**b. State Representative office:** Robin noted that at the next meeting the \$100,000 for a generator for the new center will be considered. We should hear in June if it passes. We would need the larger generator at the cost of \$135,000 used in the event of an emergency. The S1072 has not come up for a hearing. This is regarding a "healthy work place environment" which aids seniors.

**c. Director's report:** Jim passed out detailed information regarding upcoming highlights and social service updates. He was pleased to announce that the special events have increased in attendance. The Queen Victoria was well attended as well as the Silver Sneakers program. Any ideas for programs or trips contact Lindsey.

**d. Treasurers Report:** Jim stated no issues with town budget line items. If we know of anyone who needs assistance with a home modification program please let Jim know. This program is for people in need, who want to remain in their home. The person applying has to be the home owner. Regarding the revolving account, Jim handles and has total accountability of the funds.

**e. FOLOCA:** No report this month. Eleanor wondered if we could go back to our meeting being at 9:30am instead of 9:00am. A motion was brought forth and after a discussion the call for a vote. The vote was 2 for going back to 9:30 and 11 to stay at 9:00. Jim noted one reason for the 9:00 time, allows the room being set up after our meeting for the next program.

**f. GSSSI:** Fran was unable to attend the meeting.

**g. Building Committee:** Marybeth noted the new building has gone out to bid. Bids are done electronically now. We will need to be more aggressive on line items. The most recent picture of the center was passed out to the board.

**h. Advocacy:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

**a.** COA Receptionist position: We are looking for someone to take Karen's place as she is moving on to Wolf Swamp School. She said she would be around to help if needed.

**b.** Long Meadowe Days: May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The COA will have a booth to advertise the new building.

Saul noted the elections are coming up:

The slate will be:

George Shea – Chair

Fran Miffitt – Vice Chair

Ellie Tyson - Secretary

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectively submitted

Ellie Tyson, Secretary