

Town of Boylston
Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
January 5 2022

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Location: Boylston Town Hall, Ward Nicholas Room

Time: 6:07 pm

Members Present: Dennis Goguen, Chairperson; Deborah Goodrich, Member; Warren Leach, Member; Kathy Lohnes, COA Assistant; Amy Gothing, COA Coordinator

Absent: David Wheeler, Member; Ed Macdonald, Member

Guests: Donna Kelleher

Minutes Approval: November and December minutes approved. Adjustments made to attendance; Deborah Goodrich absent at Nov 2021; Warren present at Dec 2021 meetings.

Announcements: Welcome Amy Gothing as the new Coordinator for the Town of Boylston Council on Aging. The January/February Newsletter went to press and has been returned by our tax right off worker with labels and will be dropped off at the Post office 1/6/22. BCOA currently uses the library's postal permit and plans to apply for our own. On Christmas Eve 12/24/21 Kathy delivered 10-12 hams and meals from the Lions Club and Wachusett Rotary Club to Seniors in town. Thank you to Clinton Savings bank for their generous contribution and gift baskets provided to the Senior Society for their Holiday meal at Val's.

Old Business: Town House COA office space has wifi and a new phone put into the kitchen and will go live 1/6/22. Current COA phones from Town Hall will be brought to the Town House when time comes. No changes in the space since last meeting in terms of cleaning, privacy, or painting. Waiting for Town facilities manager to be back from leave before any changes are to be addressed. We have office supplies and will bring current furniture down from COA current office when the time comes. We do want a T.V and Couch for our seniors. Fitness programs continue to take place via Zoom. Number of participants logging on to classes is relatively low -approximately 10 residents per class.

New Business: FY23 Budget proposal was reviewed. Asking for a \$5k increase to be allocated to increase pay of our van drivers and propose a reclassification of COA Van Scheduler. Meeting with FinnCom Jan 24 @7:30PM. Waiting on formula grant to come in; EOE said soon. COA will be requesting town census of seniors from clerk and to be cross referenced with those who have since deceased. Senior Center has been proposed to be but up to a non-binding vote. We will begin a town wide campaign. Amy will begin reaching out and setting up meetings with community partners. COA is looking to hire 2 per diem van drivers. Also, looking to hire a new Flex and tone fitness instructor; we have 2 leads to follow up on. Zoomba instructor has requested a \$5 increase for when we go back in person and board approves as long as we have a budget for it. Amy should take van class training. Van will be getting snow tires put on and fluids check by town mechanic 1/7/22. Mouse deterrent has been placed under the van. We may need to follow up if it is time for the van to purchase new tires and get pricing. Senior Citizen

Society has a Luncheon Monday 1/10 @ 10:30am and announced a Feb 21 trip to Atlantic City. Confirmed that SCS has a budget from COA of \$1600 and is not to be exceeded.

Future Agenda Items: Open board member seats with two residents inquiring. One has filled out the Volunteer request and will be submitted to the Selectman. Spread the word and get people talking about a Senior Center.

Comments:

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022

Adjournment: 7:23pm