

**Town of Boylston
Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Location: Boylston Town Hall, Ward Nicholas Room

Time: 6:25 pm

Members Present: Dennis Goguen, Chairperson; Deborah Goodrich, Member; Ed Macdonald, Member; Warren Leach, Member Kathy Lohnes, COA Assistant

Absent: David Wheeler, Member; Ozzie Sauer, Member

Guests: WBAC filming

Minutes Approval: October minutes approved

Announcements: Senior Citizens Society meeting is November 8th at the Town House. Holiday luncheon at Val's, Friday, December 10th. Board approves the use of the van to bring residents to holiday luncheon, if needed. The Nov/Dec newsletter mailed out this week. The Wachusett Rotary Club will donate 10 turkeys to the COA per Kathy's request. Kathy will deliver turkeys to residents in need.

Old Business: There has been no real progress on the proposed new COA office space. Kathy has talked to volunteers about painting the space, but facilities department believes the wall paneling is too banged up for a proper paint job. The phone system will be updated by the end of the year. Wi-Fi is installed & running though the signal is not very strong due to the location of the Town House & the lack of towers in area. COA board requests better furniture that is not as old & beat up. Space needs a separate area for conversations with residents which require privacy. The space needs to be warm & inviting. Fitness programs continue to take place via Zoom. Number of participants logging on to classes is relatively low -approximately 10 residents per class. Van passes lift inspection -new bulb installed & foot lift plate repaired. Foot plate did not retract. Inspection/repair cost of van is \$333. In order to save some money in the future, Kathy will check with the town mechanic first for repairs or parts. Based on lift usage, the next lift inspection should take place in October 2022. New van driver is well liked by residents & continues to do a great job! Van is on the road Monday through Thursday & continues to be very busy. Kathy requests the COA Van Scheduler title & salary grade be updated. Hourly wage for the van scheduler position (van drivers too) is well below the state average. If position has increased hours, the van scheduler can do more work in order to free time up for the COA Coordinator to increase outreach work.

New Business: Senior Booster Clinic is well attended by Boylston residents. COA Coordinator interview goes well. Board would like to ask candidate back for 2nd interview. Board would like to recognize Ozzie Sauer's dedication & hard work for the seniors in town. Kathy will order a plaque & ask the Boylston Selectmen to present plaque at next Selectmen's meeting.

Comments:

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

Adjournment: 7pm