

Town of Boylston
Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
December 1st, 2021

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, December 1st, 2021

Location: Boylston Town Hall, Ward Nicholas Room

Time: 6:10 pm

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

Absent: David Wheeler, Member; Ozzie Sauer, Member; Warren Leach, Member

Minutes Approval: Minutes are not quite ready for approval. Kathy will have November & December minutes completed by January meeting

Announcements: Senior Citizens Society's next meeting is lunch at Val's Restaurant, Holden, Friday, December 10th. Kathy delivered turkeys from The Wachusett Rotary Club. Boylston Lion's donates holiday gifts for needy Boylston seniors. Kathy will deliver gifts and donated hams from The Wachusett Rotary Club before the holiday.

Old Business: Still, there has been no real progress on the proposed new COA office space. Waiting for the phone system to be updated, but space is not as promised by the town – the furniture is in poor shape, no couch for seniors to sit & chat, no tv – space is still dark & dismal, not warm & inviting. Food Safety for Seniors program went well. 12 seniors attended. Program & food was enjoyed by all who came. Talked to residents about what sort of programs they would like to have in the future. Kathy states that 3 new families started to use the van service. Kathy spoke of mice control for the van & will get mouse deterrent. Kathy will order plaque for Ozzie Sauer appreciation & ask selectmen to present it at selectmen's meeting. Kathy will recruit new board members. COA department title/classification & salary grades are being worked on.

New Business: 2nd interview with potential COA Coordinator candidate went well. Board votes to hire Amy Gothing as our new COA Coordinator. COA has received two donations – Lillian Luksis check & donation from Christos Hot Dog Truck in Boylston. Board votes unanimously to use the Lillian Luksis donation as intended by the donator. Kathy will send thank you notes for both donations. Flex & Tone instructor leaving at the end of the year.

Future Agenda Items: Board requests another anti-fraud program to remind seniors how to be aware of scams.

Comments:

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 5th, 2022

Adjournment: 7:05pm