

Town of Boylston
Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2021

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Location: Zoom (Virtual)

Time: 6:04 pm

Members Present: Dennis Goguen, Chairperson; Deborah Goodrich, Member; Warren Leach, Member; Ed MacDonald, Member; Ozzie Sauer, Member; Laura Susanin, COA Coordinator; Kathy Lohnes, COA Assistant

Absent: David Wheeler, Member

Guests: Brittany Blaney-Anderson

Minutes Approval: November/December minutes approved.

Announcements: Many thanks to Kathy who delivered hams and giving tree gifts this December. Ed requests COA notifies board if help is needed in the future. COA mailed newsletter for January – majority of newsletter focused on Covid support/issues. COA will continue to email seniors weekly with program and other town updates.

Old Business:

Still waiting to hear about COA potentially moving office locations. Waiting to hear from B.Bourassa and A.Steward on potential office move and location.

New Business:

Budget/Expenses – Laura and Dennis submitted for COA budget for FY22 – we requested increases in van driver and COA Assistant pay to make their compensation more competitive with other local towns.

Program updates: COA worked with WBAC and now has fitness programs at 2pm on Mon/Wed/Sat for seniors. So far, this programming has been very well received by residents. We are continuing with online Zoom classes as well. COA will also offer a Covid support program with the Boylston Library over Zoom on 2/16.

FY21 Expenses/donations: continue to have fitness program monthly costs paid out of formula grant. Laura received letter from ESWA that she will share next meeting regarding suggested donation to ESWA.

Comments:

Ed recommends that the Board and COA get an idea of how much seniors in town pay in taxes as a percentage of total town taxes. This percentage may give us leverage in advocating for more senior support etc.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (via Zoom)

Adjournment: 6:44pm