

**Town of Boylston**

**Council on Aging**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>,**

**2022**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Location: Town House, Council on Aging Office Space

Time: 6:04 pm

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

Absent: N/A

Guests; Brittany Blaney-Anderson

Minutes Approval: Approved June 2022 Minutes and placed on file.

*Motioned by Dennis, Karen approved and Warren and board agreed.*

**Announcements:** Fitness classes went well all summer and breaks, and vacations were covered and or notified ahead of time. The September/October Newsletter went to print and was mailed out. We added cribbage to the pitch game timeframe as we got in new boards. This may take more than an hour and we may want to look into starting earlier. The written van policies have been uploaded to the town website. We have decided to add a section on consequences, written, loss for a certain time period and then long-term loss that can be revisited. Will edit and reach out to Town Counsel for review. Summer was slow on the van, but school has started back up and we are getting busier.

**Old Business:** The Partnership with Borough's nurse is going well. The board would like to know more about levels of responsibility and reporting on what they find in the home. The volunteer luncheon was a success and we need to send a thank you card to Bigelow's. We should reach out to local churches and bulletin board for per diem van drives. We did have one woman reach out to inquire, we will follow up to submit a resume with the Town. Scam prevention workshop with Chief Police went well, good attendance and great information. It was also video taped by WBAZ.

**New Business:** Fall activities: SHINE Open Enrollment dates to come Oct 25-Dec 7<sup>th</sup> . Osteoporosis Seminar Oct 11 @ 11. Elvis to joining Senior Citizen Society. Talking Books September 27<sup>th</sup> at congregate luncheon. Add ESW menu to weekly blast. Add garden club to newsletter. Keep posting adds to Facebook and email blast. Feasibility study for upcoming senior center and safe building with Denis and Amy on the board. Bids are out and more information to come. Master plan services re out and emailed to all board members as well as available online. Learn more and talk more about the COA involvement in the CPA vote.

**Vote:** *Approving Kathy Lohnes COA Assistant to have payroll and billing approval in the absence of the COA Director. Deb makes motion for approval, Karen seconds. All in favor, vote approved and put on record as passed.*

**Future Agenda Items:** November/December Newsletter

**Comments:** COA has been sending out wish you well and sympathy cards after receiving updated Death of town members from the Clerk. Amy COA Director is expected to go out on maternity leave in the upcoming months and

therefore will be virtual at the next meeting.

Adjournment: 7:18 pm

*Motioned by Deb, and by Ed all in favor to adjourn.*