**Town of Boylston**

**Council on Aging**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** Sunday, March 11, 2018

**Location:** COA Office, 221 Main Street, Boylston, MA 01505

**Time:** 6:05pm

**Members Present:** Dennis Goguen, Chairperson**;** Warren Leach, Member; Ozzie Sauer, Member; Laura Susanin, COA Coordinator

**Absent:** David Wheeler, Member; Mary Ann Whitney, Member

**Guests:** Janet Sargood, videographer

**Announcements:** COA Small Rural Conference is scheduled for 4/18 and Laura plans to attend. Cost is $30. The COA Facebook page is up and programs and information are being posted. Bob Bourassa and Laura will assist with setting up Senior Citizens Society tables when able (approx. 6-8 tables needed per meeting). Warren notifies COA Board that Brittany from the local access channel would like to interview a COA member about programs, services, etc. Laura offers to reach out to Brittany and set up a time.

**Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve by L.Susanin; approved by D.Goguen; second by Ozzie Sauer.

**Current Business:** Dennis provides a brief update on the Finance Committee meeting and reviews goal of having van driver salaries paid by town so grant monies can be used for programs. Laura provides the board with copies of the current mission statement and a proposed updated mission statement. Board agrees to new mission statement with just adding the year that the COA began (1974). Discussion to have a Volunteer Thank You Lunch in May/June (30-40 volunteers) and will use Formula Grant money to cover expenses.

Parks and Rec initiatives reviewed by Laura. Board expresses interest in Bocce and in walkways being built around the park for seniors to utilize. Laura will follow-up with Parks and Rec regarding these interests. Programs continues to be added to the COA calendar – Pastor Dave from the FCC has offered to run a suicide prevention program which Laura will post in her newsletter. Board agrees for the COA to pay out the remaining $800 for the Senior Citizens Society for the fiscal year through the town budget.

**Notices and Communications:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Upcoming meeting scheduled:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018

**Adjournment:** 6:44pm