**Town of Boylston**

**Council on Aging**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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

**Time:** 6:00pm

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

**Absent:**; 1 absent

**Guests:** Janet Sargood, videographer

**Minutes Approval:** D.Goguen; second by W.Leach.

**Announcements:** Wachusett Rotary is donating 12 Thanksgiving turkeys for residents of Boylston.

**Old Business:**

**MCOA**: Laura and Connie summarized their participation in the MCOA Conference. It was informative and both brought back helpful information and contacts including the new Registry requirements for a real ID, ideas on Strategic Planning, Intergenerational Approaches, Art Therapy, Shining a Light on Unconscious Bias, Medicare and Social Security, and SNAP 101.

**Board Member Opening:** One applicant was received for the current opening. The Council discussed term limits and determined at this time to stay with the unlimited years to serve.

**Conflict of Interest follow up:** The Council members are working on the program.

**New Business:**

**Program Updates:** We have great participation relative to the size of our town. Residents look forward to attending with some participating all 4 days of programing. One of our instructors injured herself but should be back the week of November 19th. Concerns were raised about COA Monday programs conflicting with the once a month Senior Citizens Society meeting. COA moves their program downstairs but it is not possible to reschedule our instructor. Our instructors have a weekly schedule for Boylston COA. The Library Trustees are considering a program with the Worcester Art Museum. December 6th, the Boylston Library is hosting a Victoria Christmas. Saturday, December 8th, Friends of the Library are hosting a Holiday Party. The COA will have cards available for attendees to write a holiday note to veterans..

**Van Service:** Thevan may require some repair on the roof. It has been looked at and should be fine but we will take it to Autobody to be sure it does not need repair.

**Budget and Expenses:** Laura reviewed the Budget and expenses with the council and discussed the needed expenditures on the Formula Grant.

**Cultural Council Grant:** COA applied for a grant to teach painting. The program will start December 13th.

**Comments:** Senior Citizen Society meets on Monday, November 12th. Warren asked about assistance in setting up and taking down tables.

**Next Meeting:** December 5, 2018

**Adjournment:** 7:00 PM