



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING  
Monday February 8, 2021 at 12:30pm (ZOOM)

Zoom Meeting called to order by Paula LeBlanc 12:33 p.m.

Present: Paula LeBlanc, Carol Laughlin, Jack Poci, Harvey Holm {12:56}, Theresa Rogers, Associate member Donna Foisy and Director Cindy Sullivan

Absent: Donna Charron and associate member Harriet Fischer.

No Public Comment

Minutes: reviewed and accepted. Motion made by Jack and seconded by Theresa. Accepted unanimously.

Bills: none for review

**New Business:**

Update from COA director:

Covid-19 vaccination clinics 75 plus - Health Dept is not ready yet, Cindy will be working with them to set this up. Cindy has a training class on Wednesday to learn how to run a clinic. People who are eligible will be notified when the vaccine is available. For those having difficulty making an appointment now, they can call 211 and there will be someone to help you. If transportation is a problem, FRTA van can provide a ride, but only 2 people at a time.

AARP Tax assistance update - Starts next week. It will be by drop off, contact by phone, and pickup when done. They will do about 12 a day, once a week.

FY22 Formula Grant - Federal government released preliminary census data for 2020, there are 1004 seniors in Southwick. Right now it is \$12 a person, but the Governor is cutting the amount by 20% amounting to \$9 per. If the new 2020 census numbers are used the senior center will be ok. If they use the numbers from 2010 census, we may have a problem.

March Madness - It has been a year since the Pandemic caused the Senior Center to close. March 17<sup>th</sup> was the first drive thru lunch pickup.

History talk - March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00, history teacher, Jerry Perkins will speak about the Constitution and he may also do a series on Zoom, once a week.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Shine Rep, Theresa Bessette will speak on Medicare on Zoom and channel 15.

March 16<sup>th</sup> - WTA will have a cooking class online. The cost will be \$5; the menu will be a Balsamic Chicken dish

Denise Hills McGarry is doing a live craft on Zoom and channel 15.

Donna suggested perhaps having a gardening program as spring is coming. Maybe checking with Russ Fox.

Update about programs:

Dining room - Denise Hills McGarry will be having surgery and be out for about 4 weeks.

Wednesday February 24<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Murphy's donuts will be available with lunch. A form will be handed out and participants can pick 2 donuts.

Transportation – FRTA is still being used. Volunteer van will be used with 2 persons per ride, wearing masks and socially distanced. Cindy will be using the van to drive some seniors around to get them out of the house.

Finances - are in good shape

Classes - Classes being held on Zoom and channel 15. Still money in class account

Paula mentioned that we will need to add a new voting member to our numbers, since Patti is no longer with us. She made a motion that Donna Foisy be moved from Associate member to a Voting member. Carol Seconded the motion and a letter will be sent to the select board regarding this.

### **Old Business:**

A moment of Silence was held for Patti.

Motion to adjourn by Jack, seconded by Theresa.  
Accepted unanimously by roll call.

Next Meeting, Monday, March 8, 2021 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Laughlin

