



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING Monday December 13, 2021 at 12:30pm

Meeting called to order by Paula LeBlanc 12:34 p.m.

No Public participation

Present: Paula LeBlanc, Jack Poci, Donna Foisy, Carol Laughlin, Carol Smith and Director Cindy Sullivan

Absent: Harvey Holm, Theresa Rogers, Donna Charron, and Harriet Fischer.

October minutes: Motion made by Jack Poci and seconded by Carol Laughlin to accept the minutes of October 18th as presented. All were in favor.

November minutes: Motion made by Theresa Rogers and seconded by Jack Poci to accept the minutes of November 8th as presented. All were in favor.

New Business:

Update from COA director:

Holiday Party for December 15, 2021 has 55 signups. Afternoon activities will be canceled Tuesday, December 14th to allow staff to set up. To spread people out there will be 4 seats to a table and masks are required. Staff will distribute appetizers which will be packaged individually. Paula LeBlanc and Carol Laughlin will check in people and sell raffle tickets as they sign-in.

No classes will take place between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Update about Programs:

Dining room - hot lunches still taking place with low attendance.

Brown Bag - numbers are down but the numbers are accurate.

Transportation - cost for FRTA automatic scheduling software update is \$432.00 a year off the cherry sheets. This is a win win for Southwick. Some seniors may use and some may not but it will definitely enhance the staff's time. Cindy Sullivan has sent FRTA letter to Select Board.

A motion was made by Carol Laughlin and 2nd by Jack Poci to endorse the upgrade of the software for our FRTA services. All were in favor by roll call vote to accept the motion.

There will be a much bigger discussion regarding town transportation for younger people in the future as there have been requests for this. The board was made aware of an issue with someone wanting on demand service.

Finances - still good.

Classes - are going fine. A request for a TV was placed on Facebook by Carol Smith and a new Smart TV was donated by an anonymous person. It will be used for classes and other events.

Old Business:

Companion Program now has some sign-ups and still working on its start up, hopefully sometime in January. The COA board discussed their support for this program moving forward. It will benefit Seniors in town in many ways that our current services are unable to provide.

Seniors Helping Seniors for the fall clean-up was a learning experience. Last raking was November 20th and much thanks to the Police and Fire Departments for their help. Snow removal next on the agenda as the winter weather begins.

Sand for Seniors still going well with refills being made.

Motion to adjourn at 12:52pm by Jack Poci seconded by Carol Laughlin, accepted unanimously.

Next Meeting, Monday, January 10, 2022 at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Foisy