

Final

Carver Council on Aging Secretary's Report

Meeting Date:	January 6, 2022
Meeting Location:	Carver Town Hall, Room #1
In Attendance:	Donna Forand, Claudia Miller, Helen Marrone, Elaine Raymond, Stephanie Clougherty (Alternate), Savery Moore and Connie Kelly, Director.
Absent:	Paula Hitchcock
Start Time:	4:31PM
Adjournment Time:	5:55 PM
Next Meeting:	Thursday, January 27, 2022

Approval of Agenda:

Savery Moore made motion to adopt the January 6, 2022, seconded by Elaine Raymond. Unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve waving the reading of minutes and to approve minutes as amended for November 18, 2021 by Claudia Miler and seconded by Helen Marrone .4-0-1 (Helen Marrone)

Public Comments

None

COA BOD:

BOD Hot Chocolate Bar Event, Friday, January 14, 2022 at 10:00 am. All board members attending will bring something to add to the event such as marshmallows, candy canes etc, whipped cream.

Director's Report Highlights

Updates:

- 225 seniors have been registered on MySeniorCenter to date. A bit low due to holidays.
- 554 GATRA trips in December, including added trips for holiday shopping.
- 1091 meals served in December plus a monthly distribution of 50 bags of food-264 congregate meals (average 14 per day) and 827 Meals on the Move (average 44 per day.). We discussed the budget shortfall since the inception of Covid-19.

January Preview:

- COA BOD Hot Chocolate Bar 1/14 @ 10:00 am.
- Monthly Book Club begins on Monday, 1/13 @ 1:00 PM. The book is "A Man Called Ove" which has been reserved for those attending the book club at the Carver Public Library.
- Natural Pain Management with Essentials-Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

COA Updates:

- Capital Outlay Request for a WIFI upgrade
- Proposal for new freezers and/or a new larger generator
- Request quote to replace the 6 windows of the Nutrition Center
- Connie successfully negotiated a significant raise for GATRA drivers
- The Town of Carver Annual Report for the COA is due January 31, 2022.
- Connie attending EOE webinars and workshops to address the new online version of their Annual Report Survey.

For further detail on the highlights listed above or additional items discussed, see attached Director's Report dated 1/6/2022.

Policy Committee:

Claudia Miller went over the COA Binder Index that took her several hours to create for all board numbers. **Thank you Claudia for all of your hard work!**

We discussed the beginnings of mask mandates at COA. Will discuss again at next meeting. At present will continue to follow the guidance of the Carver's Board of Health.

Committee will work on closure policy during the summer months because school is out of session (we follow the school protocol) for the COA as it relates to Covid-19 or weather.

Claudia will speak with the interim town administrator regarding renting the COA and/or put renting on hold until Covid-19 Omnicron variant is under control.

Board Member Comments

-Elaine Raymond. Paying for the meal versus not paying. Several not contributing. The gap between revenue coming in versus going out is widening. The deficit is exponentially increasing.

-Helen Marrone wants to advocate for a higher increase to GATRA bus drivers to be more competitive than local towns. Emphasized we are reimbursed 100%. Grateful to Connie Kelly for what she has negotiated thus far.

-Stephanie Clougherty-thanked Claudia and the board for the work they do and stated to Connie that she would be happy to speak up on the GATRA bus drivers or any other issues where she is not getting full town support.

-Savery Moore-Thinks we may want to wait a bit to approach continued salary increase GATRA bus drivers.

Savery Moore will be stepping down in April due to RDA extensive commitment and increased meetings.

The pickle ball courts will not be on the warrant this April because the Rec Committee now has to receive bids. This will be delayed one year. The initial estimate is extremely high.

-Claudia agrees with Savery on Gatra Bus driver's salary discussions. We should build another case to advocate for a higher salary.

-Donna Forand would like to see an Activity Coordinator reconsidered.

-Bridgewater State University offers interns that could possibly assist Connie with projects.

Adjournment:

Motion made to adjourn by Claudia Miller and seconded by Savery Moore.
Unanimous Decision.