Carver Council on Aging

Secretary’s Report

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| Meeting Date: November 12, 2020 |
| Meeting Location: Town Hall, Room #1 |
| In Attendance: Donna Forand, Claudia Miller, Savery Moore,  Helen Marrone, Nancy Ryan, Alternate and Connie Kelly, Director  Stephanie Clougherty, Alternate (will be formalized in 14 days per by-law) |
| Visitor(s): Residents Paula Hitchcock, Madeline Joyce and Betty Sullivan |
| Meeting Start Time: 4:34PM |
| Adjourned: 6:00 PM |
| Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2020 at 4:30 PM |

Nancy Ryan will assume the position of “member” in fourteen days (waiting period per by-law). Stephanie Clougherty will fill the “alternate” member role. Welcome Stephanie and congratulations Nancy!

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Approved August 14, 2020 Secretary’s Report. Motion made by Savery Moore . 2nd Claudia Miller. Decision unanimous.

Approved. September 2, 2020 Secretary’s Report. Motion made by Savery Moore . 2nd Claudia Miller. Decision unanimous.

Approved October 7, 2020 Secretary’s Report. Motion made by Savery Moore . 2nd Claudia Miller. Decision unanimous.

Building Update: Savery wants us to review the five and ten year plan for the Council on Aging building. Possibly a rainy day fund to start. It will help us determine how we can move forward. We need to review the Police Department plans and how they started.

When we completed the survey on residents fifty years old and older, the most popular sentiment was to have Council on Aging centrally located.

Claudia felt many problems took place with original discussions in 2018 to add COA to library. We should work on background before we go to Select Board. We all agree.

Rick LaFond stated that we will need a feasibility study which will include but not limited to location, condition of existing facility and projection of future needs and budget. An architect will also be hired as part of this study. There isn’t a standing grant program for senior centers but they do come around every so often. It is a hit or miss. Rick LaFond will put a bulleted list together and send to Donna.

Connie Kelly discussed the immediate upgrades for the existing building. She started the discussion by showing the new layout and upgrades to be made. Rick met with Dave S and Dave will find out the cost. Rick feels it may be more expensive than we can handle right now. Stephanie mentioned Old Colony Vo-Tech.

Fall Event Update:

Connie put this event out on Facebook. Thank you to Alan Germain for his generous donation. Also thanked Helen Marrone, Claudia Miller, Connie, June, Jackie and Paula for making this event happen. 19 attended.

Director’s Update:

Attached.

A few of the highlights from the report:

-NineTuesday and Thursday Coffee Hours-attendance 66

-Nine Tuesday and Thursday Grab & Go Lunches 40

-Meals on Wheels-1,117

-Gatra Bus Trips-282 Trips but down a little. Holiday may have contributed to decrease.

Turkey Dinner Drive UP Connie will try to get press coverage. Sold 40 tickets. Cap of 48. 50 Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving dinners will go out too.

Fall prevention and Chronic Pain zoom session took place. Had to invite other towns because the attendance was dismal and there were no Carver attendees. Total with the other towns was seven. We need to increase attendance in order to continue these sessions.

Door Openers-Commissioner on Disabilities pushing for electronic. doors Approximately $6-7K per door.

Volunteer: Letters for Seniors and Meals on Wheels

Joint effort between Nancy and Stephanie.

They are reaching out to give gifts out to Meals on Wheels.

Donna said let Connie know what is going on and we can help.

This volunteer activity, since it has been being organized by individuals should not be advertised as a COA event due to the rule ,by-laws etc surrounding the board.

Holiday Caroling

Postpone until next year

Member Comments

None.

Public Comments

Madeline wants us to push the board to advocate for the revisions in the COA and push for funds for the improvements. Connie said we need to wait to see what Rick has to say about costs, etc.

Adjournment

6:00 PM.

Motion to Adjourn Claudia made motion. Helen 2nd motion. Unanimous decision.