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**Carver Council on Aging**

**Secretary’s Report**

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| **Meeting Date:** | April 29, 2021 |
| **Meeting Location:** | Carver Town Hall, Room #1 |
| **In Attendance:** | Donna Forand, Claudia Miller, Savery Moore, Helen Marrone, Stephanie Clougherty (Alternate) , Paula Hitchcock (Alternate) and Connie Kelly, Director |
| **Absent:** | Nancy Ryan |
| **Start Time:** | 4:26 PM |
| **Adjournment Time:** | 6:20 PM |
| **Next Meeting:** | Thursday, May 20, 2021 (Changed from May 27, 2021 due to holiday) |

Due to Nancy Ryan’s absence, Paula Hitchcock, alternate will take part in any votes during the

April 29, 2021 meeting.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** to approve March 25, 2021 minutes made by Paula Hitchcock and seconded by Claudia Miller.

Unanimous approval.

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**Survey Presentation-Savery Moore**

Savery presented a review of the Council on Aging (COA) Survey that took place in 2018 for all residents 55 years old or older. We had 1200 residents respond to the survey.

Some data from the survey to consider:

-Less of the population are aware of the COA than aware.

-Survey reflected bus usage may increase 72% which will mean our current buses will not handle future ridership.

-One hundred and sixty seniors need to choose between paying for prescriptions and food.

-Conveniently located and attractive hours of operations most important to majority for our COA.

Savery will send a copy of this survey to all board members to review all data and to allow for continued discussion at next meeting.

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**Outdoor Activities**

Land around the COA must be addressed before we can offer Outdoor Activities. The hurdle we need to counter is funds.

Mary Ross, Savery Moore and Rick LaFond will get together soon to decide if a Pickle Ball court at the COA will work. A Feasibility Study is being completed. It is in its infancy stage right now. Savery did indicate it looks promising.

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**Re-Opening Plans**

Planned on re-opening in June. Renovations still being done. We are following the orders from the Board of Health for re-opening date.

Congregate eating hopefully can resume. It will be the decision of the Board of Health.

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**Discussion on Treasurer**

Current By-Law does not allow for a Treasurer. Town Administrator recommends not to move forward with a COA Treasurer because we have a paid treasurer in the town. Chair distributed the Town Administrator’s email discussing his thoughts on a Treasurer. Stephanie has concerns not having a Treasurer.

Nancy asked for Treasurer discussion be on agenda.

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**Director’s Report:**

Connie went over her Director’s Report which is attached.

Carver kept COA open during our increase to Covid-19 “Red” zone. Other towns shut down their COAs. Plymouth has been closed since the state emergency orders first went into effect.

Heidi would like to initiate travelling tour coffee hour.

AARP does offer a grant for projects. The focus is more on Inter-Generational projects. Connie feels the pickle ball goal would fit the criteria. Make Peace also offers a matching grant program. These grants will be researched when we get closer.

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**Policy Committee**

Claudia made motion to approve Agenda Policy. Helen second. Unanimous.

Savery made motion to charge Policy Committee to review and bring recommendation on mission on board of directors . Paula second. Unanimous.

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**Board Member Comments:**

Donna Forand-automatic doors now installed at COA.

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**Public Comments:**

Madeline Joyce feels the parking at COA needs to be addressed. Savery stated SERPEDD is conducting a Safe Streets initiative and this area is one on the list. Always thought this was an Advisory Board. There should also be a joint meeting with COA and Friends of COA.

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**Adjournment:**

6:00 PM

**Motion** to adjourn by Helen Marrone. Savery seconded. Unanimous decision.