

## Council on Aging Board Meeting – Thursday, June 13, 2019

Call to order – 5:35pm

Attendance: Board Members: JD Miller, Chair, Leslie James, Lucille Sorrentino, Janice Lindblom, Henry Yeh, and Janice Desmond; Linda Hayes, Senior Center Director, Jill Johnston, Senior Center Administrative Assistant, Joan Powers, South Shore Elder Services Liaison, Karen Canfield, Board of Selectman Liaison, Gordon Price, Liaison to Community Campus Campaign Committee and Betty Johnson reported as Liaison to FOSS. Absent were Janice Lindblom, Caitlin Coyle and Helen Jablonski.

The minutes for the May 2019 meeting were not yet available for review.

### Director's Report:

#### 1. Program Updates:

- Linda presented a Senior Center Brochure and a Transportation Brochure that have been created for the COA Board review and comments. She has been working on these to provide needed information that is often requested. There was a discussion on the use of the brochures and wider distribution.
- Newsletters continue to be mailed and are available online. There may be a way to link the Town Alert System to the availability of the newsletters and the COA brochure.
- Ukulele lessons are continuing and going well. There is a group of 14 people taking lessons.
- Memory Training classes end at the end of the month. Additional funding is needed to continue these sessions. There is a \$1,500 licensing fee for each year's renewal.
- Dick Flavin and Jim Lonborg were here for the monthly men's breakfast. It was open to everyone and over 40 people attended and it was a very successful breakfast.
- Pickle Ball is starting up next week at the Veterans Gym. It will be used from 4-6PM, Monday and Wednesday. Outdoor courts are available after noontime for daytime Pickle Ball, but there is no regularly scheduled availability.
- Friday, June 21 will be the Volunteer Luncheon at the Maritime Center.
- No fees are being charged for exercise classes taking place in June.
- There is a luncheon planned on July 2nd to celebrate Fourth of July. Life Care Center in Scituate is donating a grill to the Senior Center to be used at this event and is sponsoring the food for the luncheon.
- On Sunday, November 17th, the River Club will sponsor a Thanksgiving Lunch/Brunch, which is the Sunday before Thanksgiving.
- The Steering Committee for the Age Friendly Scituate Group met this week. The Committee will begin listening sessions with existing groups in town to gather information to begin forming the direction of the Age Friendly initiative.
- Funding for the Aging Mastery program is needed to continue that program. The cost is \$60 per person for materials, and additional costs for the weekly breakfast and an end of session celebration. Linda may be approaching area Banks and Rotary for funding.

#### 2. General/Office:

- Transportation numbers are increasing. Medical out of town has increased in May. COA contracts with South Shore Community Action Council for some out of town appointments. A 5-day advance notice is requested to appropriately schedule these.
- The GATRA director is retiring. Some additional funding has increased a bit for FY 2019.

- Volunteer hours continue to be difficult to capture.
- Outreach - 45 interactions. Outreach Coordinator co-facilitated the 50+ Networking Group which had 58 people involved. Believe this is valuable. The sessions will be up and running again in September if receive the grant again through MCOA. In August the 50+ facilitator, Susan Kelly, will run a 2-hour workshop on Transformation after 50+ as a precursor to the workshop and for others considering their options for retiring/continuing to work/consideration of a change.
- Friendly Visitor Program continues to work toward finding beneficial experiences. One match this month was made that is going well. More focus on this effort will be made in the future.

## 2. Discussion of Senior Center Project:

- Architect has completed and submitted drawings to the Planning Department for distribution to the relevant committees and boards for review.
- On June 27th there will be a Planning Board Meeting to discuss the senior center project. This is also the Scenic Road Hearing.
- Linda and the team met with the Traffic R&R committee who were open and receptive. Some proposals were made by them to the Planning Board around traffic issues. A new cross walk may be a part of the overall project. Karen Canfield noted that the traffic commission would review the Cudworth Road traffic intersection as a priority, and then the location of the cross walk would be addressed. They had no issue with the proposed entrance to the new Senior Center building. There is a long term goal to make this area pedestrian-friendly. There was further discussion about other options proposed for the site, which would be the jurisdiction of other town boards.
- The Design Review Committee had a courtesy meeting with Linda and others but the Planning Board will direct if the Design Review Committee should be involved. Linda is drafting a cover letter and presentation template for the meeting with the Planning Board. She believes their issues are with the traffic and the parking as presented in existing plans.
- Paperwork and signatures were submitted to the Town Clerk by a town resident requesting a recount of the ballot vote. Town Counsel was consulted and determined it was in the Town's best interest to allow the recount to ensure transparency of the ballot result. This will take place on June 20th.

## 3. Liaison Reports:

- Betty Johnson had one update for FOSS - the annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 14th. JD Miller had a check from the Rotary Club.
- Joan Powers reported on SSES - A meeting was held on May 7th with a financial report.
  - A volunteer luncheon is to be held at Lantana on June 12th.
  - Mass Home Care is working on raising home health workers' hourly salaries
  - SSES has outgrown their existing space and is looking for new facilities.
  - New executive director named to Elder Affairs office.
  - New slides and brochures are available on the SSES website.
  - The monthly St. Luke's dinner will be held on June 23rd, the 4th Sunday of the month.