



Town of Georgetown

MINUTES

Committee: Georgetown Council on Aging_____

Date: December 27, 2022_____

Time: __12:45 p.m._____

Location: Georgetown Senior Community Center, 51 North Street, Georgetown, MA

Members & Staff present: Jean Perley, Martha Lucius, Esther Palardy, Diane Prescott, Jeanne Robertson, Darcy

Norton, Sue Gardiner, Jill Benas, Diane Klibansky and COA Director Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello

Members not present: __Sue Clay____

The meeting was called to order at: __12:51 p.m._____

Minutes from the November 22, 2022_____ Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with one correction

(Date)

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Colleen reported that COVID-19 cases continue locally, including within groups at the Senior Center. Announcements are made to notify program participants. Protocols at the Senior Center remain in place including cleaning and pre-scheduled activities. COA Staff continues to provide scheduling assistance and transportation for COVID vaccines and boosters and continues to distribute COVID-19 test kits donated by AgeSpan and the Town. The COA Van passed annual state inspection, but then needed to replace the blower motor. B & B Auto replaced the blower motor at a cost of \$423. The Town has received funding for several electric vehicle charging stations that will be installed at Town Hall, the library, Park and Ride and the Senior Center. Colleen has asked for reconsideration of the plan to install the charging stations at the Senior Center since it would significantly impact four parking spaces close to the building at the Senior Center. Board members raised concerns regarding a reduction in limited parking for older adults as well as the safety of older adults crossing the parking lot. The charging stations would be open for use by the general public. Proposed FY24 budgets are due by Jan. 16. Town departments have not heard if level funded or level service budgets will be considered. Colleen will ask the Finance Committee to consider a request for a third full time staff members as well as equitable wages for staff. Appointments for AARP Income Tax Preparation is planned for mid-Jan. Preparers will be available Feb. 9 – April 13. The program will include a telephone intake and in-person document drop off and pick-up. Tax Incentive Program applications will be available until Dec. 31. Thirty positions are available and a lottery for returning participants may be necessary if applicants exceed the number of positions. The Matter of Balance program will run Jan. 10- Feb. 28 with 15 participants. Upcoming events include Traveling Chef lunch on Jan. 10, an overview of Rep. Moulton's office on Jan 31 and a Valentine Lunch with Whittier Reg. Voc. Tech. on Thurs. Feb. 9. The Friends of the COA have planned a Women's Breakfast in April and discussed ways to contribute to the COA. In a motion by Diane Klibansky with a second by Jeanne Robertson, board members accepted the Treasurer's report. In a motion by Darcy Norton with a second by Jeanne Robertson, board members accepted the Director's report.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- Secretary's Report for November 22, 2022
- Treasurer's Report to date Dec. 27, 2022
- Director's Report for November 2022

Documents and Other Exhibits used at meeting will be available for review at: Council on Aging_____

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Meeting was adjourned at: __1:43 p.m._____

Next meeting: Date: January 24, 2023_____

Time: __12:45 p.m._____

Place: Georgetown Senior Community Center, 51 North Street, Georgetown, MA

Respectfully submitted: Chairman: Sue Clay

(Signature)

Minutes approved by Committee on: __ January 24, 2023_____

(Date)