



Town of Georgetown

MINUTES

Committee: Georgetown Council on Aging_____

Date: February 26, 2019_____

Time: __12:45 p.m._____

Location: Georgetown Senior Community Center_____

Members & Staff present: Esther Palardy, Diane Prescott, Nancy Thompson, Sue Clay, Carol Westhaver, Jean Perley,

Darcy Norton, Diane Klibansky and COA Director Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello.

Members not present: _Jill Benas and Jeanne Robertson_____

The meeting was called to order at: _1:05 p.m._____

Minutes from the January 22, 2019_____ Meeting were reviewed and approved with one adjustment.

(Date)

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

In an update of the Georgetown Senior Community Center building, Colleen reported that the COA has received the invoice for the repair of the double-door freezer in the kitchen. The repair was less than \$400, which was very reasonable. Colleen and Vice Chair Sue Clay presented the COA's proposed \$169,647 FY20 budget to the Finance Committee on February 9. Colleen also provided the Finance Committee with the COA's annual report, statistics and copies of the newsletter. The COA presented flowers, a card and certificate of appreciation to long-time board member Nancy Thompson. She will provide a letter of resignation as she moves to her new home. Colleen attended a meeting of Georgetown CARES to hear an update on the youth center proposed at the Perley School. The project has gained support from the Community Preservation Committee for the construction of basketball courts as well as a bocce court and shuffleboard court to be built at the back of the Perley School. The bocce court and shuffleboard court would be built for use by the Senior Center. Proponents of the project have suggested that the Playground Commission plan a new director's position which would have oversight of the youth center. They hope to be able to open the new youth center three afternoons/evenings per week in Sept. Volunteers would be needed to staff the youth center. Colleen reported that she viewed a webinar on the challenge that transportation creates for many elders. Colleen also attended "The Brain, Aging and Memory Loss" presented by Dr. Jonathon Jackson from Harvard Medical School and director of the CARE Center at Massachusetts General Hospital at Wingate Residences in Haverhill. Penn Brook School Principal Margaret Maher and Colleen continue to discuss a potential food waste initiative that could connect the Senior Center's Food Pantry with the School's Food Service Program. Board member Diane Prescott shared an article from the Boston Globe regarding the challenge of engaging younger elders. In the future, additional evening or weekend hours may be possible if additional staff were available. To try an evening program, Colleen will host a "Welcome to Medicare" presentation on Thursday May 16, 6:30 p.m. with SHINE representatives from ESMV. In a motion by Darcy Norton with a second by Sue Clay, board members accepted the Treasurer's Report. In a motion by Jean Perley with a second by Sue Clay, board members accepted the Director's Report.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- Secretary's Report for January 22, 2019
- Treasurer's Report to date February 26, 2019
- Director's Report for January 2019

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

Meeting was adjourned at: ___1:55 p.m._____

Next meeting: Date: _March 26, 2018_____

Time: __12:45 p.m._____

Place: Georgetown Senior Community Center_____

Respectfully submitted: Chairman: Esther Palardy

(Signature)

Minutes approved by Committee on: February 26, 2019
(Date)