



Town of Georgetown

MINUTES

Committee: Georgetown Council on Aging_____

Date: October 25, 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, Sue Clay,
Sue Gardiner, Jill Benas and COA Director Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello

Members not present: __Darcy Norton and Diane Klibansky ____

The meeting was called to order at: __2:13 p.m._____

Minutes from the September 27, 2022_____Meeting 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. 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 Board of Health and COA will hold a Flu Clinic on Nov. 2. The HVAC unit in the Exercise Classroom was repaired by ATCO in Sept. Signs have been posted to ask staff for assistance in adjusting HVAC temperatures. With changes in billing and software, Wex Bank has charged late fees and additional fees after they deactivated and reactivated the COA gas card. Colleen has had phone calls with Wex Bank and hopes the issues have been resolved. Modern Woodmen held a small reception to honor Colleen as a Hometown Hero for her work with older adults and will make a \$100 donation to the COA Gift Account. Colleen attended the MCOA Conference in Oct. and participated in a panel with three other Merrimack Valley COA Directors regarding the impact of COVID 19 on consumer mental health. Adam Frank, EOE Program Manager, attended the presentation. Colleen reported AgeSpan will hold in-person Traveling Chef lunches in Nov. and Dec. No Grab and Go lunches will be available on those days. The COA has scheduled music by Rich Araldi to follow the Traveling Chef on Nov. 9 and a holiday theme for the Dec. lunch. The Georgetown Senior Community Center Recipe Collection has been published and will soon be available for sale with proceeds to benefit the COA Gift Account. Due to scheduling issues at AgeSpan, the Matter of Balance program will be held after the holidays. The COA is seeing an increase with individuals seeking fuel assistance and food resources. SHINE Counselor Nancy Aberman is seeing consumers in person for Open Enrollment. Upcoming events include the Kiwanis Thanksgiving dinner, Delvena Theater, arthritis management, safe driving and nursing home advocacy. Jill Benas of the Friends of the COA said the group has struggled with declining membership and has discussed disbanding. In a motion by Jeanne Robertson with a second by Jean Perley, board members accepted the Treasurer's report. In a motion by Jean Perley with a second by Diane Prescott, board members accepted the Director's report.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- Secretary's Report for Sept. 27, 2022
- Treasurer's Report to date Oct. 25, 2022
- Director's Report for September 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: __2:55 p.m._____

Next meeting: Date: November 22, 2022_____

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: __ November 22, 2022_____

(Date)