



# Town of Georgetown

# MINUTES

Committee: Georgetown Council on Aging\_\_\_\_\_

Date: December 28, 2021\_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_12:45 p.m.\_\_\_\_\_

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

Members & Staff present: Jean Perley, Diane Klibansky, Martha Lucius, Marie Collins, Diane Prescott, Darcy Norton, Jill Benas, Jeanne Robertson, Esther Palardy and COA Director Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello

Members not present: \_Sue Clay\_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was called to order at: \_12:45 p.m.\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes from the November 23, 2021\_\_\_\_\_ Meeting were reviewed and approved with one adjustment (attendance).  
(Date)

## Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Colleen reported that the single door freezer at the Georgetown Senior Community Center facility failed over a recent weekend. Some food spoiled and needed to be thrown away. A refrigeration contractor used by the School Dept. has been notified. With assistance from the School Facilities Dept., the treadmills in the Fitness Center have been lubricated. The 2007 Sprint flip cell phone used in the COA Van has been replaced with a free T-Mobile smart phone that is compatible with the new 5G network. With COVID-19 cases still present in town, protocols remain in place at the Senior Center. A mask mandate is in place for all public buildings in Georgetown. Most groups and classes have resumed meeting in-person at the Senior Center. Public Health Nurse Pam Lara supports the plans in place at the Senior Center. COA Staff continues to offer scheduling assistance and transportation for COVID Vaccines, boosters and flu vaccine at area pharmacies. COA staff also safely delivers food and items to those who are sick. Colleen distributed a report on the volume of food provided by the First Parish Church in Newbury to older adults in the region. The Perley Trustees have agreed to continue their heating assistance program. Applications for the 30 positions available in the Tax Incentive Program are in circulation. Applications are due Dec. 29. Positions with other town departments are limited. Organized by Joe Soucy, the Modern Woodmen will donate a 65-inch Smart TV and cart to the COA and Senior Center. The TV is mobile and can be used for presentations in the cafeteria. Monthly blood pressure appointments with Pam Lara will resume Jan. 5 and the Book Club with Library Director Sarah Cognata will resume Jan. 25. Upcoming events include monthly Men's Breakfast on Jan. 6. Elder Services of Merrimack Valley-NS has been rebranded as AgeSpan. Programs provided by AgeSpan on identifying depression in older adults and a program on healthy holiday eating were both held in Dec. In a motion by Diane Klibansky with a second by Esther Palardy, board members agreed to recommend a COA Budget of \$206,844 to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. The FY23 COA Budget includes a \$28,288 proposal for a Program Assistant. In a motion by Jean Perley with a second by Esther Palardy, board members accepted the Treasurer's Report. In a motion by Esther Palardy with a second by Martha Lucius, board members accepted the Director's report.

## List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- Secretary's Report for November 23, 2021
- Treasurer's Report to date December 28, 2021
- Director's Report for November 2021

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

Meeting was adjourned at: \_\_1:35 p.m.\_\_\_\_\_

Next meeting: Date: January 25, 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: \_\_ January 25, 2021\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)