



Town of Georgetown

MINUTES

Committee: Georgetown Council on Aging_____

Date: January 24, 2023_____

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

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

Members not present: __Darcy Norton____

The meeting was called to order at: __12:50 p.m._____

Minutes from the December 27, 2022_____ Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with one correction

(Date)

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Colleen reported that COVID-19, flu and upper respiratory infections cases continue locally, including within groups at the Senior Center. Announcements are made to notify program participants. 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. Face masks are also available. The Town's plan to include four electric charging stations at the Senior Center has been reconsidered. Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco agreed that the plan would significantly impact four parking spaces close to the building at the Senior Center and would raise concern the safety of older adults crossing the parking lot. The charging station plan will be redirected to the American Legion Park. In a motion by Diane Klibansky with a second by Jill Benas, board members agreed to recommend the proposed \$209,423 FY24 budget. Colleen has submitted the budget, which includes a request for a third full time staff members as well as equitable wages for staff. The Finance Committee toured the Senior Center on Jan. 21 and discussed budget and staffing issues with Colleen. Town Clerk Kerri McManus has sent notice that all staff and board members must complete the new on-line state Ethics Training by Feb. 19. Appointments for AARP Income Tax Preparation will be available Feb. 9 – April 13. The program will include a telephone intake and in-person document drop off and pick-up. The start time of the March and April Men's Breakfast will be adjusted to 10 a.m. to ease parking issues on those days. The Matter of Balance program is underway through Feb. 28 with 15 participants. The Jan. Traveling Chef was successful with in-person dining for 30 participants. A handmade quilt by Fran Przyjemski was raffled. The COA Friends have recruited musician Joe LeBlanc for the Feb. 8 lunch. A Valentine Lunch with Whittier Reg. Voc. Tech. will be held on Thurs. Feb. 9. Cost is \$10 per person. 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 Martha Lucius with a second by Jean Perley, board members accepted the Treasurer's report. In a motion by Jeanne Robertson 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 December 27, 2022
- Treasurer's Report to date Jan. 24, 2023
- Director's Report for December 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: __1:38 p.m._____

Next meeting: Date: February 28, 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: __ February 28, 2023_____

(Date)