



Town of Georgetown

MINUTES

Committee: Georgetown Council on Aging_____

Date: November 23, 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, Sue Clay, Diane Prescott, Darcy Norton, Jill Benas, Jeanne Robertson, Esther Palardy and COA Director Colleen Ranshaw-Fiorello

Members not present: _Marie Collins_____

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

Minutes from the October 26, 2021_____Meeting were reviewed and approved with no adjustments.

(Date)

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Colleen reported that Georgetown Senior Community Center facility is in good shape. The van was inspected and the tires were rotated in Nov. With COVID-19 cases still present in town, protocols remain in place at the Senior Center. Transmission in the state is high with breakthrough cases occurring. Most groups and classes have resumed meeting in-person at the Senior Center. The protocols work well and continue. Board of Health Agent Bill Holt is supportive of the plans in place at the Senior Center. He reminded COA Staff to maintain all current protocols, including masks in common areas, sanitizing and physical distancing. COA Staff continues to offer scheduling assistance and transportation for COVID Vaccines, boosters and flu vaccine at area pharmacies. The recent Flu Clinic was successful with vaccine offered to older adults and town employees. The COA staff will be interviewed for the Town Wage Study. The Select Board has named a subcommittee to review proposals submitted for the Federal ARPA funds. Town Administrator Michael Farrell retires on Nov. 24. The BOS is in the process of hiring a new town administrator. A recent Fall Prevention program presented by Baystate Physical Therapy and musical program by Roger Tinknell were both well attended. Board members thanked Social Work Intern Susan Dysert for her service and wished her well. Colleen distributed a report on the volume of food provided by the COA to older adults from Jan. – Sept. Colleen has asked the Perley Trustees if they are willing to continue their heating assistance program. With increased costs and shortages, Colleen believes that the COA will continue to see requests for heating assistance and food. Upcoming events planned for the fall will include monthly Men's Breakfast on Dec. 2. The Friends of the COA will sponsor a Women's Breakfast on Nov. 30 with speaker Attorney Elaine Dalton. Retiring Northern Essex Elder Transport Administrator Ginny Salem will also attend along with new administrator Dori Sawyer. A theater production by Delvena Theater will be held on Dec. 13, funded by the GCC with refreshments by the COA Friends. A program on identifying depression in older adults is planned for Dec. 14 and a program on healthy holiday eating will be held Dec. 21. In a motion by Diane Klibansky with a second by Darcy Norton, board members accepted the Treasurer's Report. In a motion by Darcy Norton with a second by Diane Klibansky, board members accepted the Director's report.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- Secretary's Report for October 26, 2021
- Treasurer's Report to date November 23, 2021
- Director's Report for October 2021

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

(Office)

Meeting was adjourned at: __1:40 p.m._____

Next meeting: Date: December 28, 2021_____

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: __ December 28, 2021_____

(Date)