

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging
February 11, 2020 7:00 Senior Center**

*As the hub for all aspects of healthy aging, the mission of the Northborough Council on Aging/Senior Center
is to enrich and enhance the lives of older adults.*

- 1. Call to Order:** A meeting of the Council on Aging of the Town of Northborough was called to order at 7:03 PM by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Linda Cragin, Member	Virginia Simms George Member
Jerry Anderson, Member	Lee Beavers, Member
Tim Kaelin, Board of Selectman	Eileen Bogle, Interim Director

The following COA members were not present: Alice Stapelfeld, Phylis Muthee

Guests: Fran Bakstran, Asst. Director, Area Agency on Aging, Bay Path Elder Services

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the Jan. 2020 meeting were approved.

3. Friends Report

Per Henry via email: The annual appeal campaign is winding down. Having the membership form attached to the appeal has served as a reminder to members to renew their membership. The Friends have agreed to pay for the Worcester T&G to be delivered to the Senior Center. The subscription had been paid for by Muffie Bigelow for 30+ years; she is no longer able to provide the support.

4. Chair's (Director's) Report

Eileen Bogle has joined as the interim director until a new director is hired. Eileen stated that she was impressed with the center and the atmosphere of collaboration and communication. She is reviewing the scope of the position. There was discussion that the responsibilities that the director has had to assume related to building operations and maintenance are concerning and requires a different skill set than that of a COA director. Eileen will be on a planned vacation at the end of February.

The recruiter has identified five possible candidates who will be interviewed by Jocelyn, Adrienne and Eileen, then John Coderre.

5. WRTA

John Coderre has asked Eileen to look at the WRTA utilization.

6. Bay Path

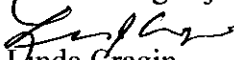
Fran provided some insight related to the area plan for Bay Path. Transportation is a significant priority for the area. She mentioned that the Northboro has typically not applied for Older Americans Act funding and this could be a resource. Examples of what other communities are doing were shared – for examples outreach relate to transportation, in-home companion, addressing hoarding, etc. The funding is up to \$60,000 annually and there is a required non-federal match of 15%. Fran also shared that she sees limited use of home delivered meals by Northboro residents and was surprised by this. Discussion followed with agreement to provide information in the newsletter.

Currently there are 34 residents receiving home care services from Bay Path with another 10 on a wait list due to a shortage of workers. Jerry will be going back on the board. The current executive director, Christine Allesandro is retiring.

7. Old/New Business and Community Awareness

The strategic plan discussion is continuing.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


Linda Cragin
Secretary