

Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging

March 10, 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 7:02 PM by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present and introduced:

Linda Cragin, Member

Ron Doucette, Friends

Alice Stapelfeld, Member

Joan Frank, School Committee Liaison

Virginia Simms George Member

Eileen Bogle, Interim Director

Muriel Swenor, Member

The following COA members were not present: Phylis Muthee, Lee Beavers, Jerry Anderson, Tim Kaelin, Board of Selectman

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the Feb. 2020 meeting were approved.

3. Friends Report

Ron provided an update from the Friends and shared that the results from the Annual Appeal are still coming in and the appeal has done well. Fun/Fund Raisers are planned, including something in August at Whitney Place, a 60's event in October possibly with a member from The Platters, and Nov. is the annual Country Fair. The Friends will also participate in Applefest. They are also considering a 10 year gala to celebrate 10 years in this building. The Friends have also been very active in the strategic plan.

4. Chair's (Director's) Report

Eileen shared that she has reported to John Coderre that it was a good decision to hire an interim director – she is very busy. The current coronavirus pandemic has had an impact on attendance and the senior center is addressing the issue as directed by Public Safety and the Board of Health. Seniors are also very concerned about the impact on the stock market. The staff are very busy; Eileen has also suggested to John that the center is understaffed. This raises concerns about staff and client safety.

Eileen is looking at Title III funding but also does not want to over-commit the new director. She, with Jocelyn's input are looking at a series on Healthy Aging.

5. WRTA

No report.

6. Bay Path

Bay Path is working on plans to address the pandemic.


7. Old/New Business and Community Awareness

A thank you note from Kelly Burke was shared.

The final draft of the strategic plan was distributed. It will go to the Friends in May. The COA will look at it Tuesday evening, March 31st.

Joan asked about any thoughts about collaborating with the school system. A trivia night is planned in April with the Honor Society, a book club is another idea. The strategic plan mentions the need for more data; this could be a student(s) project as well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.


Linda Cragin
Secretary