

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging  
January 11, 2022 – 5:15PM – Northborough 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.*

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Council on Aging of the Town of Northborough was called to order at 5:24 PM via Zoom by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Linda Cragin, Member  
Muriel Swenor, Member  
Lee Beavers, Member  
Elizabeth Nasser, Member

Theresa Lee, Member  
Jerry Anderson, Member  
Virginia Simms George, Member  
Eileen Bogle, Interim Director

The following COA members were not present: Joan Frank, School Committee Liaison, Kerrie Martinek, Friends

**1. Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes for the November 2021 meeting were approved.

**2. Friends Report**

Kerri provided an update via email which was shared at the meeting:

*The Annual Fund appeal is underway. A mass mailing was sent to all Northborough residents. We are approximately halfway to our goal to raise 25,000! We'll continue to share through email and social media. Donations can be made all throughout the year and we encourage all to donate.*

*The Friends resume meeting at the end of this month and will be discussing viable fundraising options for this year. With the increase in Covid precautions, it's unclear when we'll be able to hold events again. A plan will be put into place.*

**3. Director's Report**

Eileen provided her report ahead of the meeting and reviewed it during the meeting:

- FY 23 Budget submitted to the town Administrator, 4.2% increase for sustained operations in part due to the need for repairs to the building (hot water boiler) recommended by the new maintenance director. The building has also been inspected twice recently by the town building inspector and the fire department. There are 11 different lightbulbs in the building and some that are not working tie to the safety issues like exits. The fire department raised some concerns about the attic. Two dump loads of trash have been removed and there are more items that need to be removed.
- Submitted Annual Report to the town- Annual Data Report to the state in process
- Van Driver, Warren Johnson gave his notice. Recruitment underway for his replacement but it will take time. Another driver needs to take a short lead.
- Site of multiple vaccine and booster clinics in support of the Board of Health's outreach efforts
- Part time Program Coordinator, Linda DiMare, started December 6th
- Application submitted to Bay Path Elder Services for 3-town Day Break Program and \$7,761.00 for taxi transportation east of Northborough
- Bistro Year to Date (7. 1.21-12.31.21) total guests 3,533, about 50% of the total number compared to the same period in 2019.
- Liz Nasser and a new volunteer will trained to address memory loss issues and memory strategies with a 4-week workshop to start in March.
- Vaccine and booster clinics at the Senior Center continue and are planned for the future (e.g., tonight is a pediatric clinic and another clinic is planned for Friday).
- Theresa has a session that can be offered by Tower Hill once in-person sessions resume.

Eileen shared the statistics for December compared to the previous year. Recruitment has started again for a new director.

#### **4. WRTA**

Nothing to report.

#### **5. Bay Path**

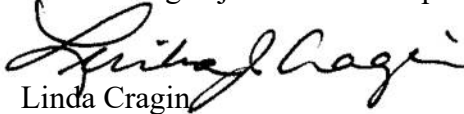
Bay Path is in the process of merging with Springwell Elder Services. Comments about COVID-19 were shared. The Advocate of the Year has been announced, Carmen Gentile. The American Recovery Act funds will support community-based providers to recruit/retain direct care workers by increasing compensation and these increases will continue through June 2022. The company that owns TJMax and Marshalls was generous for gifts distributed by Bay Path.

#### **6. Old/New Business and Community Awareness**

Adrienne shared that Phyllis Muthee has resigned as she and her family have moved.

Continued thanks to Eileen for continuing in her interim role.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Cragin", written over the printed name.

Linda Cragin  
Secretary