

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging****Oct. 12, 2021 5:15 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 5:20 PM via Zoom by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Linda Cragin, Member

Jerry Anderson, Member

Muriel Swenor, Member

Henry Squillante, Friends

Theresa Lee, Member

Eileen Bogle, Interim Director

Elizabeth Nasser, Member

The following COA members were not present: Virginia Simms George, Member, Phylis Muthee, Member, Lee Beavers, Member, Joan Frank, School Committee Liaison, Kerrie Martinek, Friends

**1. Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes for the Sept. 2021 meeting were approved.

**2. Friends Report**

Henry provided an update. The Art Auction and High Tea is postponed until the spring and some of art has been sold; a past idea of printing note cards was revisited. The annual meeting was Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> with an update on the Friends Financial and the slate of officers were approved, no new members were elected. The Country Fair was cancelled due to the pandemic and plans for the annual appeal are underway.

**3. Director's Report**

Eileen provided her report ahead of the meeting. The town's Facilities Manager has been hired and been actively involved with the Senior Center with wonderful results already. The security camera install is in process and the new phone system should be up and running in October. The part-time program coordinator position and van driver positions have been posted and recruitment is in process with several resumes. The mask mandate continues. An Educational Program Planning committee to support life-long learning is in development and looking for volunteers. Veterans' Day plans are in development.

Eileen shared the statistics for September. Muriel volunteered to sit next to the sign-in system and help people develop the habit to remember to sign in and the total event sign-ins increased; Eileen is also coaching people. Bistro volume continues to grow. Discussions are underway about re-opening the Bistro on Tuesday evenings, maybe once a month.

**4. WRTA**

Nothing to report.

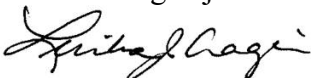
**5. Bay Path**

Jerry was unable to attend the meetings for September due to conflicts or cancellations, but an update provided shared that there is a grant award to reduce loneliness and social isolation with a pilot in MetroWest. The Governor's mandate for vaccination in home care continues; there is some funding available to increase salaries to aid in recruitment. Eileen submitted a grant request for transportation/taxi services east of the WRTA.

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

Applefest went well. There was a lot of interest in the balloons. A lot of the questions were related to dementia. This issue can be discussed in the December newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.



Linda Cragin  
Secretary