

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging  
June 14, 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 5:30 PM by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following present:

Elizabeth Nasser, Member      Muriel Swenor, Member      Virginia Simms-George, Member  
Ron Doucette, Friends      Jocelyn Ehrhardt, Sr. Ctr. Outreach Coordinator, Guest

The following COA members were not present: Jerry Anderson, Linda Cragin, Theresa Lee, Fran Bakstran

**1. Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting were approved.

**2. Friends Report:**

The Friends reported on the recent clothing drive which netted \$629.00; the upcoming car wash event to be held at Whitney Place on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and the High Tea & Art Auction showcasing works by the late Gigi Casella. Rounding out the year's events will be the popular Country Store Fair on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Waiting for the new sound system to be installed; crack sealing will be done to the parking lot and directional arrows will be painted to ensure proper traffic flow around the senior center.

**3. Senior Center Director's Report:**

The Director was not able to attend the meeting because of a previous commitment, but briefly introduced herself and distributed the current fiscal year stats regarding total event sign-ins, outreach, phone logs, volunteer hours and WRTA ridership which shows increased numbers in all categories. At the Director's request Jocelyn Ehrhardt, our Outreach Coordinator, joined the meeting to explain all of the resources that are provided and available to the many age groups in town, especially parents seeking guidance for aging parents; it is very important we need to take every opportunity to get the word out that this great resource is available by calling the senior center. Jocelyn also spoke about the new **Be Well Northborough** – a collaborative health and wellness initiative aimed at helping our community to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The group has developed a Be Well Northborough community calendar which lists scheduled events.

**4. Community Awareness: Re: ARPA Listening Session, June 16, 2022**

Adrienne forwarded an announcement via E-mail from the Select Board regarding an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Listening Session to be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Algonquin Regional H.S. Library to discuss how the Town's ARPA fund could be used. She suggested we try to catch one of the sessions which was also live streamed on CATV, You Tube and ZOOM.

Next meeting: July 12, 2022 – 5:15pm

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Muriel Swenor, for the Secretary      Approved 7/13/22 COA meeting:

