

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging
July 12, 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 by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Linda Cragin, Member

Virginia Simms George Member

Fran Bakstran, Member

Ron Doucette, Friends

Elizabeth Nasser, Member

Kendra Faldetta, Director

The following COA members were not present: Jerry Anderson, Muriel Swenor, Theresa Lee.

1. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the June 2022 meeting were approved with the addition of Fran Bakstran as present.

2. Friends Report:

Ron provided an update: there was a welcome to new members on June 27th; overall there are 519 members with 124 new members year to date, the clothing drive was successful, a car wash is planned for 8/5 at Whitney Place/Beaumont, an art auction on 9/24 and the Country Fair on 11/19. A corn hole event with the Fire Department was great fun and perhaps will be repeated with another town dept.

3. Director's Report:

Kendra shared her efforts in her almost third month as the director. She reported on the Be Well activities and other ARPA plans including purchasing an OWL for improved video/sound remote connections, swim time at the YMCA and possibly a WooSox game. She is also exploring collaborating with the Library for a senior fitness program there followed by lunch at the Bistro. The center is getting a lot of calls about the pickleball courts and she stressed that the Senior Center does not manage them nor reserve court time. A monthly, season floral decorating course will be offered and Next Dine catering may offer classes in fine dining cooking.

Kendra shared that Nancy Dragon is retiring at the end of July with a surprise party for her on the 28th. Kelly Burke will attend.

Kendra is advocating for increased security for the building and staff. A ring™ camera was installed for the kitchen door, allowing staff to see who is requesting access. Under exploration are motion activated cameras and connection to the police department. The Council agreed that this is an important priority and thanked her for her efforts.

4. WRTA:

Kendra has completed the training required for her position. John Coderre is negotiating the contract with the WRTA. Bus driver turnover is high and hiring is challenging; staff are looking at the hourly rate paid in neighboring communities. Ideally Kendra would like 3-5 more drivers for flexibility in coverage.

5. Bay Path:

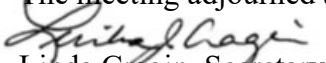
Details related to the merger of Bay Path with Springwell Elder Services continue to be worked out.

6. Old/New Business and Community Awareness:

Adrienne shared a handout about the roles of the Senior Center, COA Board, and Friends for discussion.

Meeting time: Upon motion made (Fran) and seconded (Elizabeth), the meeting time was shifted to begin at 5:30 for at least August and September. Linda will update the agenda posting at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.


Linda Cragin, Secretary