

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging
June 8, 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 5:15 PM via Zoom by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present and introduced:

Linda Cragin, Member
Jerry Anderson, Member
Muriel Swenor, Member

Virginia Simms George, Member
Kerrie Martinek, Friends
Liz Tretiak, Director

The following COA members were not present: Lee Beavers, Member, Phylis Muthee, Member, Joan Frank, School Committee Liaison

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the April 2021 meeting were approved. May's meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

3. Friends Report

The textile drive raised about \$1500 and there is discussion of possibly doing it annually. The Friends are working on the booth for Applefest. Other ideas are a Corn Hole Tournament – but this is difficult as a standalone event, a car wash, and an art auction with the gift from the estate of Gigi Casella (an idea of note cards of her art to sell was also suggested). The Annual Meeting will be in September and the Country Store Fair in November. The Friends bought the grill for the BBQ and the awning will be delivered next week.

4. Chair's (Director's) Report

Liz reported that a very successful chicken BBQ was held today, converted from a drive-thru to in person for 100 people. DPW set up the grill and tents and were very helpful. The food was awesome! The Senior Center is on the cover of this year's Annual Report for the town – the pictures are great! The MetroWest Health Foundation grant supporting expressive arts and music therapy has been well received, including an original song written about the group.

HVAC issues persist and replacement is most likely needed for all four units. This would be paid for from the municipal fund.

Liz asked for the history on who should use the center related to age and residency. Following discussion, the board encouraged her to use her best judgement given limited resources.

5. WRTA

The planned fare implementation in July has been postponed to the end of the year.

6. Bay Path

Jerry provided updates from Bay Path including the slate of officers will continue for another term, the local vaccination rate is strong, the agency has been able to hire good staff and reduce turnover with a solid staffing plan for the coming fiscal year. The American Recovery Plan has funding for Area Agencies on Aging but the distribution has not been finalized.

7. Old/New Business and Community Awareness

Discussion followed about how to attract people to the booths at Applefest. The supports the strategic plan to bring in younger people.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.


Linda Cragin
Secretary