



## Minutes of Town of West Newbury

### Council on Aging

Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 10:00 am

The Council on aging met in regular session on February 3, 2022 in-person. Vice Chair Marge Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

**PRESENT:** Dot Cavanaugh, Marge Peterson, Jessa Haynes, Gail DiNaro, Richard Preble, Barbara Warn, Dianne Faulkner and Jacquie Johnston

**ABSENT:** Joseph Publicover, Laurie Spielvogel, Mary Joyce-Acosta

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christine Marshall, Interim COA Director

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Secretary Report was read. A motion was made to approve the January 6, 2022 minutes by Gail DiNaro and seconded by Dianne Faulkner; motion passed unanimously.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Interim COA Director, Christine, gave the Financial Report, as this was the first report we had received in this format. It was very informative and the Board was happy to receive this information in this more informative detail. The Food Pantry Gift account was discussed and how the money in the account is used to restock the supplies in the pantry. Jessa suggested using some of the funds for structural improvements, as well as a tablet for tracking participation and inventory.

However, a motion was not made at this time to accept the Treasurer's report, so at our next monthly meeting, March 3, we will have to take up the motion to accept February Treasurer's report.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Director's report was a summary of the Meals on Wheels Program, Cafe Lunch Delivery, Food Pantry, Yoga classes, the 3B Balance Class, Van usage for rides, appointments and Foot Care. Christine reported that the donations for Sunray Café are covering the food cost for the program. Other items discussed were: volunteers/CORI process, social media increase, updated web site and programs.

In response to the Board's request in January, Christine gathered the criteria for the Senior Property Tax Work-Off program, and made suggestions to increase participation in the Tax Work-Off program for FY23. Christine also handed out the historic data for the Tax Work-Off program for each year since FY16. Also, distributed in the packet were flyers for two programs taking place next week – the Blood Pressure Clinic with the Fire Dept. on February 8 and Coffee and Conversation program on February 10.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Gail DiNaro brought up for discussion the possibility that in the future, that we could ask the Parks and Recreation Commission, about the possibility of a Pickleball court, Shuffleboard or Bocce area that could be constructed near the Grandstand for the Seniors to use.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline A. Johnston, Secretary