

Council on Aging

Minutes of meeting on 9/21/2023

Present: Ellie Tyson, Jim Leyden, Cecilia Rosalin Gadelhak, Sandra Macfayden, George Shea, Rose Morace, Judy Delong, Derek Paar, Eleanor Stolar, Dona Lengieza, Candice Serafino, Saul Finestone, Tom Lachuisa and Robin Frechette

Meeting opened at 9:30

A moment of silence and reflection was observed for Marge Morgan.

Tom Lachuisa, select board liaison shared news:

1. At the regional meeting there was a discussion of setting up a municipal fiber task force with in the next few months to hopefully bring in some competition for comcast.
2. Water line repair/replacement along Converse, Longmeadow and Forest Glen would cost about 10 million.
3. Zone change request is coming up again for corner of Bliss and Frank Smith.
4. Bylaw change request for marijuana sales is being discussed.
5. LCC would like to change the time of their alcohol sales from 11 am to 9 am.

Robin Frechette Liaison for Brian Ashe

1. ¾ of the state budget has been approved
2. Additional \$300,000 for dementia/ Alzheimers support was added to help those in need.

Jim Leyden

1. Congratulations to Jim and his new bride!
2. Looking to extend the center's hours on Saturday during the winter months
3. Last Saturday's closing was a miscommunication nothing other than that.
4. Still looking for a provider for the nail service... nursing students and nail salons were mentioned as a possible resource
5. Treasurer report the center is in good shape. LAC took in about \$12,000 in rental fees
6. The water issue from the recent monsoons has been remediated.

Eleanor Stolar

1. FOLOCA is in good shape.
2. Car wash coupons are still available. Since FOLOCA gave up funding the publication of the newsletter and it is now a municipal publication, the town can not purchase the coupons.

Rose Morace

Election of new officers for Council on Aging
Sandra MacFayden as Chairperson
George Shea as Co-Chairperson or Vice Chair
Candice Serafino as Clerk/Secretary

Officers were voting in by the majority with one member abstaining.

Medical Equipment

The JGS and American Legion Post 175 has this up and running. The initial contact is through the LAC.

Comments:

George Shea suggested that the new board members receive an updated handbook. Jim Leyden will look into that when he attends the MCOA meeting in a couple of weeks.

Saul Finestone suggested we should meet during the summer.

Introduction of new folks

Cecilia Rosalin Gadelhak is the new Food Pantry Coordinator. She comes to us with much experience in the community as a fund raiser.

Dona Lengieza

Judy Delong

Patti Self

The new board members introduced themselves.

There are still 2 more vacancies!!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14