

09 January 2019

Chelmsford Age-Friendly Committee

Meeting Minutes

Attendees;

Fred Brusseau/Vice Chair COA Brd and Vice Chair, Fire Chief Gary Ryan, Louise Myers/COABoard, Paul Cohen/Town Manager, Police Deputy Chief Dan Ahern, Lisa Marrone/Business Development, Vickie Turcotte/Library, Debra Siriani/Sr. Ctr. Director, Regina Jackson/Veteran's Ofc, John Carroll/Tandem Health Care, Emily -/Tandem Health Care,

Guest Speaker Antron Watson – AARP Representative for Age-Friendly Designation

- Additional municipal experience in similar projects; important to host listening sessions, referred to a book regarding community listening, 1 – 2 year listening duration, will connect us with successful age-friendly communities around the country, Livable Community Challenge Grant made available in March, www.aarp.org/livable

Board of Selectmen (G.Diggs) – for Chelmsford Age Friendly, letter of commitment

Purple Table – 15 participating restaurants in US with 13 of them in MA, program created September 2017, \$250/year participation fee (marketing and training), no visible representation in the dining area of the restaurant, social inclusion domain, Chelmsford Disability Commission working on a large-print menu for restaurants, recurring training via Chelmsford Senior Center?

CTM outreach – planning on a ½ hour segment to promote age-friendly progress and committed agreement from CTM staff support

Library Partnership – added Senior Center resource guide to web-site and new section for seniors, educational videos, resources, programs, open to more incoming info, updating this announcement in the newsletter

Transportation – Fred, Debi, John Bowls, - developed project plans/templates, that organizing focus groups, teams, stakeholders, contact info, unmet needs,

John Brusseau – provided handouts (to be made available electronically) of organizational papers for domains to manage progress, data, outline of team leads and domains, new domain anticipated for economic development, draft action plan and network of support for working documents, consistency of domain standards for framework/approach/presentation/reporting, refer to Salem's efforts towards age-friendly,

Chief Ryan – UMass Boston (Department of Gerontology) created 30-page master plan and is now looking to partner with Chelmsford and possibly provide assistance on our action plan

Fred – Requesting that domain leaders report in on progress/plan for Housing, Transportation, Social and Health Services, Respect and Social Inclusion at the next meeting

John and Fred – providing their time and resources to support all domains for support and technical assistance

Paul – continue to work on and complete the application, domains will report in, town's budget will be released next month and include funding for a full-time director of human services in Chelmsford with the position filled in July 2019, Fred to provide a report on age-friendly at the Spring Town Meeting in anticipation of future funding needs and town support

Fred – finalize the domain team leaders (Cathleen / Outdoor Spaces and Buildings)

Library – perhaps not the lead on civic participation and employment

Consolidate purple table into social and health services

Dan Ahern and John will follow the purple table domain to social/health services

Sandy Becker/Atrium will move to social/health services

Social/Health and Respect/Social will likely collaborate on efforts

Lisa and Debi – Civic Participation and Employment

Debi – interim team leader for respect and social inclusion and will be the leader on Respect and Social Inclusion

Social Participation - ? how is this different than the other domains?

Antron offers opinion if Chelmsford wants to combine, that's an option

Cathleen – Outdoor spaces

Salem Age-Friendly representative was agreeable to meeting with Chelmsford Committee

MA Health Association – hoarding education and support to help residents be safe

Next meeting – February 27th at 9am