



**Regular meeting minutes of the
Council on Aging Board**

Date: 1/13/2021

Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Diane Boisvert, Fred Brusseau, Paul Der Ananian, Jennifer Hardy, Ruth l'Anson, Jan Mounsey, Louise Myers, Ami O'Grady, Debi Siriani, Dianne Sperry

Members Absent: Len Olenchak, Anne Smith, Mary Gibson

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Senior Center is being used as a vaccination site for first responders from Chelmsford and surrounding towns.
- Meals on Wheels program continues to grow.
- Center is planning on having tax-assistance appointments, with preparers on-site. Sign-ups start Feb 1. Details are still being worked out.
- Phones ringing off the hook with questions about vaccinations—lots of stressed out callers.
- Kitchen renovation moved to March because new bids had to be solicited and processed.
- In-person Social Day was suspended due to Governor's latest restrictions. Still doing some activities remotely.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- The Federal stimulus bill passed. In addition to the \$600 checks to individuals, there was an increase in money for SNAP for six months, money for tax consultations for seniors, and money for senior companion programs.
- On Beacon Hill, the budget was signed into law. It included funds for elder nutrition programs, including MOW. Also extended the "no excuse required" absentee voting until March 1.

AGE-FRIENDLY INITIATIVE

- The Chelmsford Action Plan is in its final form, waiting for a letter from the Select Board.
- Fred and Debi's presentation of the Action Plan to the entire Select Board has been rescheduled to Feb 8.

NEXT MEETING: February 10, 2021