



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

**Date: 2/9/22**

**Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present:** Diane Boisvert, Fred Brusseau, Ruth l'Anson, Louise Myers, Ami O'Grady, Debi Siriani, Dianne Sperry

**Members Absent:** Paul Der Ananian, Jennifer Hardy, Ami O'Grady, Tim Sherry

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Participation is up but lack of mask mandate is a concern for some seniors.
- New Companion Program Coordinator has started and is doing an excellent job. Numbers for that program have increased as well.
- Discovery Center program's transition navigators backed out, so the program is now stalled, although its Director wants to find a way to keep it going. Other Centers have also hit a wall at this point. Debi Siriani feels that the program has not developed enough structure or tools for the transition navigators to use.
- Night-time custodial service has started (M-W-F) and is doing a good job.
- Budget requests have been approved by the Town Manager so the requests are moving on to the next step.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

- Capitol Hill: Mostly things are at a standstill, although they did pass legislation to make COVID tests available to everyone, for free.
- Beacon Hill: Bipartisan support passed an infrastructure bill that will be used for road and bridge repair and similar projects. Other than that, bills are still being sorted to determine which ones will be considered during the legislative year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Program Committee.** Worked with Natalie to prioritize some programs, including special events and one-time presentations. We are investigating an online travel program; working to restore the yoga program; setting up a line dance social to attract new people; and several other possibilities.

- **Age-Friendly Implementation Committee:** The Select Board approved the Master Plan update and established a Master Plan Implementation Committee. The Age-Friendly Implementation Committee is part of the Master Plan Implementation Committee.

**NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2022**