



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

Date: 5/10/23

Place: Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Diane Boisvert, Fred Brusseau, Peter Giroux, Sandra Hall, Ruth I'Anson, Louise Myers, Bob Schneider, Debi Siriani

Members Absent: Jennifer Hardy, Carole Hunt

Peter Giroux moved that the minutes from the April meeting be approved. Diane Boisvert seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Hired a new part-time driver; he is a local man who is a retired AF and police officer.
- Trip to Encore sold out again.
- Debi met with Cristine Clancy, the new head of the DPW, about our on-going building maintenance issues. She is aware of the issues we are having but is unable to provide much more than emergency repairs because of staffing issues. She will be outsourcing some projects as needed.
- Meanwhile, Debi is doing some outsourcing of her own.
 - She met with a local landscaper about setting up a sensory garden. The garden is being funded by donations made in memory of Steve Flynn, former board member.
 - She hired people to rebalance the pool tables.
- Debbie will be meeting with Paul Cohen again to continue the discussion of our maintenance needs.
- A town volunteer, Bill Stanway, has stepped up in big way and is going to start mowing the lawn at the Center and helping out with yard work.
- Staff evaluations have to be completed by end of May.
- Behavioral Health Series is winding down. The sponsoring organization has yet to send a bill, which is a concern because the fiscal year is about to end, which means grant funding cycle will also be ending.
- HVAC upgrade may take place in August.
- Some sound panels have been put up in social day and B06. They have not been as good at masking news as we had hoped.
- Smell in lower level persists, especially early Monday mornings. The town's HVAC upgrade project may start in August, but details are not available.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Capitol Hill:

Everyone's focus is raising the debt ceiling.

Beacon Hill:

- Public hearings are being held on a variety of topics.
- Senate and House members are still reviewing Gov. Healy's proposed budget.
- House is still reviewing submitted bills and deciding which ones should be filed for further debate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Committee

- Finally put together a line-dancing social which brought in a lot of new faces. The instructor is coming back to entertain us again in July.
- For the most part, the goals established at the beginning of the year have been met. The standing calendar is pretty full and most pre-pandemic activities have been restored.
- Debi mentioned she would like to expand our multi-cultural offerings to make the center more inclusive and diverse.

NEW BUSINESS

Four members' terms expire at the end of June: Peter Giroux, Jennifer Hardy, Louise Myers, and Bob Schneider. They will be contacted by the Town Clerk's office to renew their memberships.

The Select Board has appointed a new liaison for the COA Board: Virginia Crocker-Timmins. Virginia is also the liaison for the Age-Friendly Implementation Committee.

The July 3 booth is a go, with three board members volunteering to help Debi man the booth. Debi will follow up with Natalie and Carole Hunt about the give-aways.

Ruth l'Anson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bob Schneider seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: May 10, 2023