



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

**Date: 5/12/2021**

**Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting**

TOWN OF  
CHELMSFORD  
PATRICIA E.  
DZURIS  
TOWN CLERK

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

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Hardy, Tim Sherry

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Flood in basement slowed the already slow reopening. Hopefully repairs will be done by 6/1.
- Goal is to open Treasure Shop by 6/1
- Kitchen reno on schedule for June 21 (when school is out). CORI rechecks required for volunteer MOW drivers.
- Senator Mike Barrett is working on obtaining funding for the MOW and Social Day Programs.
- Debi attended a Diversity and Inclusion Committee in town to explore the possibility working with them in conjunction with the Age-Friendly Chelmsford Initiative.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- Capitol Hill is largely focused on infrastructure, but there are other topics under review too. One of them is HR3, which addresses the high cost of prescription drugs.
- Beacon Hill is focused on the budget, which currently has 1150 amendments. Senior organizations are monitoring the budget to ensure there are provisions for caregiving compensation and closing the SNAP gap.
- Beacon Hill and the town are still considering how to use the funding provided by the federal stimulus package.

### **AGE-FRIENDLY CHELMSFORD INITIATIVE**

Implementation committee had its first meeting. Its focus was setting up basic housekeeping procedures. Meetings will be held on the last Wednesday on the month. Debi Siriani and Fred Brusseau are co-chairs.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Pergola covering: agreed to cover the pergola with canvas. Not a perfect solution, but inexpensive and deemed worth a try.

**NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2021**