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

**Date: 7/14/2021**

**Place: Virtual Zoom Meeting**

TOWN OF  
CHELMSFORD  
PATRICIA E.  
DZURIS  
TOWN CLERK

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

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Hardy, Jan Mounsey

Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- 65K funding from state senate is waiting for governor's signature. Money will be used for social day program.
- Several positions are open:
  - Companion program needs a new manager; this is a part-time job that is currently being filled by Colleen Normandy.
  - Full-time van driver, replacing Tina Lamy who retired.
  - Night-time custodian
  - Dan Morin has left as building manager to take a job of town building inspector.
- Building will be closed again for two weeks in August due to parking lot resurfacing.
- Stair treads were replaced on front and back stairs.
- Kitchen remodel is on schedule, but it is unlikely to remain so. Biggest problem of it going over is that the school kitchen will not be available for MOW prep.
- A few day trips have been scheduled to take seniors a seaside restaurant.
- American Rescue Plan money allocated to the town is available for equity projects. Proposals must be submitted and approved by the Chelmsford Select Board. Deadline is not for a couple of years, but it is time to think start thinking about it. This is a one-time allocation, so hiring additional staff, which is an on-going expense, would not be a good use of this funding.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

- Capitol Hill
  - Still working on legislation to lower drug costs for Medicare recipients.

- Beacon Hill.
  - Still trying to figure out how to spend money allocated to the state by the American Rescue Act.
  - Still working on the state budget.

### **UNANTICIPATED TOPICS**

- The state has extended the timeframe for virtual open meetings. There was discussion about the possibility of blending remote and in-person. Some board members expressed a desire to return to in-person meetings. Others remained non-committal.

Fred and Debi will conduct a test to see if a blended meeting will work successfully.

- Fred addressed the topic of emerging from the pandemic and setting new goals for the Board. To that end, Debi will send all board members a copy of her goals for FY 22 to see if we can coordinate with them.

**NEXT MEETING: August 11, 2021**