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MAYNARD COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

Minutes

April 18, 2023

In attendance: Paul Guthrie, Mary Mitzkavitch, Jan Rosenberg

Guests: Peg Brown, Mary Ann Shields

The meeting was called to order at 2:59 p.m.

Minutes from March 21, 2023 were approved.

**Public comments:** None.

**Correspondence:**

Paul has received a letter of resignation from David Hull.

Paul has sent a letter of standing invitation to Greg Johnson and Chris DiSilva to attend Council on Aging Board meetings.

**Director's Report:** None.

**Maynard Senior Center Focus Group Update:**

An open house is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The intent is to introduce pre-seniors to the Senior Center and its activities and services. The event has been publicized on Facebook's Everything Maynard, Maynard Senior Center, and Maynard Senior Center Focus Group webpages.

The Green Meadow Elementary School Building Committee will hold an open discussion of their recommendations at the Maynard Senior Center on Friday, April 21, at 11:00 a.m.

A Family Fun Day will be held at the Rod and Gun Club on June 4, with a pasta dinner served.

Peg has shown the proposed Mill & Main Senior Center space to Maynard's state representative Kate Hogan. Ms. Hogan will earmark funds for the proposed Caitlin Coyle study in her budget request, as the Maynard Select Board has turned down a request for town funds.

The COA Board request for an RFP for relocating the Senior Center has been denied because there is no line item in the town budget to support rental of such a space. The request may be revisited after the next Town Meeting.

Peg and other MSCFG members have met with William Nemser, Maynard Planning Director, about grants that may be available to support the new center. Lisa Day Hill is working with Amy on a grant.

The Focus Group may submit a Citizens Petition for the financial support of the new Senior Center.

The Focus Group is considering yard and hand signs and perhaps a downtown banner promoting awareness of senior needs.

Diane Gauthier is interviewing seniors who use the Senior Center for stories to use in promoting the need for a larger center.

**Old/new business:** None at this time

The meeting adjourned at 3:50.