

MAYNARD COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

Minutes

June 23, 2022

In attendance: Anita Dolan, Paul Guthrie, David Hull, Diane Wasiuk and Amy Loveless.

Absent: Angie Flannery and Mary Beth Coyne.

Guests: Armand Diarbekirian, Mary Mitzcavitch and Jan Rosenberg.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approved minutes of April 19, 2022, meeting.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

Minuteman Senior Services Liaison Report: None. Mary Beth had a conflict and was not able to attend.

Council on Aging Director's Report:

- Amy acknowledged Anita Dolan and Angie Flannery's commitment to the COA Board over the last six years. Both are ending their second terms on the Board.
- The COA has hired two new van drivers, Newton Taylor and Andrew Falcao. Securing additional staff allows for Mark Tomyl to be able to drive for the COA's Mystery Tours, Walmart, and Savers shopping trips – which the seniors have missed. In-house dispatching continues to go well.
- Amy is planning numerous programs for the fall including collaborations with the Maynard Library. Amy is a member of the Maynard Library's Strategic Plan Advisory Board.
- Current COA programs, including fitness classes, Grab-n-go's and activities at the COA continue. The Grab-n-go meal is very popular with new seniors signing up each month.

New Business:

- Amy introduced Mary Mitzkavitch and Jan Rosenberg who have applied to become members of the COA Board. The COA Board "interviewed" both candidates and were very pleased with their backgrounds and connections to the town of Maynard. They were unanimously approved. Amy will send a letter on behalf of the COA Board to the Select Board to recommend appointment.
- Select Board member Armand Diarbekirian attended the meeting and gave an update on the Senior Center Focus Group. The focus group is exploring short-term and long-term options for a senior center space. Armand mentioned the former John Deere property as an opportunity. Armand felt that the possibility of a new senior center would be 5-7 years from now though leasing space might move things forward. He noted that the focus group would be reporting their ideas to the COA Board. The COA Board asked that Armand continue to join the board each month.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.