

MAYNARD COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

Minutes

October 18, 2022

In attendance: Paul Guthrie, Dave Hull, Mary Mitzkavitch, Jan Rosenberg, Diane Wasiuk, Amy Loveless and Armand Diarbekirian.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approved minutes of September 20, 2022, meeting.

Election of Officers:

Paul Guthrie, Chair

Diane Wasiuk, Vice Chair

Amy Loveless, Secretary Pro-Temp

Public Comments: none. **Correspondence:** none.

COA Director's Report:

The multimedia workshop (sponsored by the Friends) full and the first class was very exciting! Several upcoming holiday craft programs have been scheduled. Cribbage is now a robust group! Mindful Living will be starting on Friday, October 28. Grab-n-Go's are extremely well attended and each time new seniors have signed up. The Fox Tours trip is full – lots of out-of-towners interested in attending/had to waitlist some.

Peter Alden's presentation last Thursday at the Maynard Library (a joint COA-Library sponsorship) and the audience was predominately seniors. Amy will continue to offer COA programs at the Maynard library to engage new seniors and promote COA programs. Upcoming elder law series being held at the library. Van ridership is increasing with new riders. Fuel assistance and SHINE season have begun.

Amy and Pat Kozik (COA's Principal Clerk) visited a space at Mill + Main with members of the Senior Center Focus Group. The space (and amenities) had many positive aspects (building six, right off Walnut Street) but parking and ease of access were not fully assessed during the tour. We had all parked over on the other side of the complex (at building 8 and 2). Amy will speak to Greg about any next steps.

Amy is still waiting to hear from Kelly McGee Wright, Executive Director of Minuteman Senior Services, about a replacement for Mary Beth Coyne (former liaison to the town of Maynard).

Senior Center Focus Group Update:

Armand reported that the group who visited the space at Mill + Main felt it might be a good option for a short-term space. The amenities, such as the gym, cafeteria, table games and outdoor patio, were nice additions.

New Business:

Mary reported that the Boys & Girls Club is making their gym court available for pickleball. More information to follow.

Jan noted that she will not be able to attend November's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:36 p.m.