

Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging

April. 11, 2017 7:00 Senior Center

The role of the Northborough Council on Aging is to maintain or increase the quality of life for the mature citizens of our community. We do this through support advocacy, planning, coordination, and implementation of programs that bring mature citizens together for social, recreational, and educational purposes. We seek to educate the entire community and enlist its support and participation.

1. Call to Order: A meeting of the Council on Aging of the Town of Northborough was called to order at 7:00 PM by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Ed Bombard, Member

Phylis Muthee Member

Jerry Anderson, Member

Max, Volunteer

Linda Cragin, Member

Henry Squillante, Friends

Tony Pini, Member

Kelly Burke, Senior Center Director

The following were not present: Alice Stapelfeld

2. New Business:

Maxwell James, a teen volunteer at the Senior Center for the last 15 months shared some statistics about participation at activities. It was helpful to see the change over time. It is clear that attendees do not consistently check in with the ServTracker and ideas for strategies to improve this were discussed. Max also did some follow-up on people who signed up for an id card and of 25 calls, 10 had moved. Thanks Max for the great work!

3. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the November 2016 and January meetings were approved.

4. Friends' Report

The Friends continue to be busy planning events. A garden club fundraiser will be in June, beer and wine tasting in August and a possible 1940's radio show at SouthGate. Bricks are for sale. A raffle will be held April 28th with a bottle of wine. Appreciation of donors was discussed related to the Annual appeal. The annual meeting will be May 22nd. Kelly and Adrienne will provide orientation to the Friends new board.

5. Director's Report

Kelly provided updates on many of the new and continuing activities including becoming a dementia friendly community; she is still looking for a spot for a memory cafe. The golf club now has 50 players and seated chair yoga will be offered at night.

The director of the library submitted a grant for someone to do outreach for people with limited vision. Because of timing, the COA board could not provide a letter of support. Kelly has submitted a letter of intent to Bay Path for more education related to cross-cultural efforts.

6. WRTA Advisory Report

There was a public hearing about the discussion of fare changes.

7. Bay Path Report

Jerry reported that Bay Path may be expand to provide a resident services coordinator at a housing complex; they currently provide this service in Marlborough. Meals on Wheels is facing federal cuts. Bay Path is planning for its 40th anniversary.

8. Old Business

No old business.

9. Community Awareness/Board Outreach

It has been difficult to recruit new members to the board. It was discussed and agreed upon to dedicate the next couple of meetings to a discussion of the mission, the development measurable goals and identification of the expertise needed to achieve these goals.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Linda Cragin, Secretary