

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging
June 13, 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 7:05 PM by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present:

Ed Bombard, Member	Phylis Muthee Member
Jerry Anderson, Member	Alice Stapelfeld, Member
Linda Cragin, Member	Jane Fletcher, Friends
Tony Pini, Member	Kelly Burke, Senior Center Director

The following were not present:

- 2. New Business:**

Congratulations to Kelly, the Senior Center and the COA for receiving the Innovator of the Year Award from the MA Council on Aging for Come2B Dementia Friendly along with Marlboro and Hudson.

- 3. Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes for the May 2017 meeting were approved. Adrienne reported that Tim Kaelin will be joining the board.

- 4. Friends' Report**

The Friends continue to be busy planning a garden club fundraiser will be on June 24th beginning at Whitney Place. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

- 5. Director's Report**

Kelly provided many updates on many of the plans for the summer including meeting Vin Femia who published Deflategate, new sessions on chronic pain management and the Savvy Caregiver; Notre Dame will manage the bereavement group and coloring will be increased to twice monthly. There is interest in starting a veterans' group, and a grant to Bay Path is proposed to support cultural competency and hot topics by SAGE.

Kelly shared new hours of operation for discussion and approval: The current hours are M, W, Th, 8:30-4:00, Tues, 9-9 and Fri 8:30-2:00. The new proposed hours are M, W, Th 8-4, Tues 8-8 and Fri 8-12. This means the center is open consistently at the same time each day and generally there has been little activity after 8 on Tuesdays. Following discussion, it was **VOTED** unanimously to support this change.

- 6. WRTA Advisory Report**

Kelly shared that the Advisory Board voted a 25c increase to the fares, which had not been increased for 8 years. For Northboro, there will also be a charge for the return trip, with the opportunity for a waiver or subsidy if needed.

- 7. Bay Path Report**

Jerry reported some utilization numbers from Bay Path – 72 meals were served in Northboro and 14 residents are receiving the Enhanced Community Options Program. The 2018 budget looks good.

- 8. Old Business**

The Standards of Conduct have been referred to the town counsel. It was agreed to change the word

“illicit” to “illegal” in the 7th bullet.

9. Community Awareness/Board Outreach

Wayland provided a report to the community about security for elders and in comparison to Northboro, we are doing quite well. The Selectmen are reviewing an increase in income for the tax work-off program and it was agree to recognize Shattuck Pharmacy in the next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Linda Cragin, Secretary