

Council on Aging Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2019 9:00 am.

231 Maple Road Longmeadow, MA 01106

Present: Executive Director Jim Leyden, Chair Julie Moulton, Vice Chair George Shea, Secretary Ellie Tyson, Marybeth Bergeron, Saul Finestone, Phil Hallahan, Marilyn Hurst, Rose Morace, Marge Morgan, Fran Miffitt, Eleanor Stolar

Absent: John Bowen, Theresa Yesu, Judy Yaffe

Guest: Earl Godfrey

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 9:00am.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 18, 2019 were approved.

Reports:

a. **Select board:** Marie was not available.

b. **State Representative office:** Robin was not able to make the meeting.

c. **Director's report:** Jim passed out information on programs which are on the rise. We are offering varied programs, some are in the evenings for working seniors. The food pantry is solid and the neighbor to neighbor program is doing well. Phil wondered if it was all volunteers at the food pantry. Does the town re-pay these people for their job? The food bank is only for Longmeadow residents.

d. **Treasurers Report:** Jim is also pleased with the revolving account. The account must be voted on each year. We cannot exceed \$85,000. Jim has full responsibility to spend the money for programs or food. The old van will be put on line to be sold. The new van is registered as of today. When the old van is sold the money will go to the town. There is a \$1,000 budget for a sign on the van. It should be ready in a month or so.

e. **FOLOCA:** Marilyn attended the meeting. A discussion of getting a canopy for the new van in winter. Also regarding the veteran's free lunch on Wednesday. Free lunch for all was tabled.

f. **GSSSI:** Fran attended the meeting. GSSSI received the highest award from the state, which was a great honor.

g. **Building Committee:** Marybeth noted that the bidding was delayed on the new center. Next Thursday will be the starting time. Some contractors did come in already below cost. She also gave DPW news: there is a standing water problem and a collapse of wall on the side of the hill. These are areas where there were previous problems. More trees have fallen, but this will not delay the project. A discussion of debris on our walking path. Contact the DPW to keep it clear. Our new building will be under supervision of DPW. We would like to have a full time custodian. There will be air conditioning in the new building.

h. **Advocacy:** Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

a. The COA receptionist position Jim stated second interviews will be next week. He is pleased with the applicants. This will be a part time position. Karen did a great job and will be kept on staff as a substitute.

b. Long Meadow Days: The center will have a tent which will provide information on services and programs. A picture of the new center will be on display. Volunteers are needed to man the booth.

Select Board: Marie arrived- discussed the issue of a new town manager and the council should be involved. We need to choose a person to represent the COA. A motion to have George or Phil as our representative. Motion carried and Phil will attend meetings in the summer as George is away. Marie noted that the town election is June 11th. There will be an override for Wolf Swamp fields. Also, the property at Longmeadow Country Club, at a cost of 2.75 million. Does the town want to commit this money for the property? The town has a right to buy it as "open space". The select board is trying to put a forum together to discuss the proposal within the next 30 days.

A motion from Saul to have the COA board meeting in June – the motion passed with a vote of 9 for and 1 against.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectively submitted

Ellie Tyson, Secretary

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Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019 11:00am (following regular meeting)

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- I. **Secretary's Report:** Saul commends Julie for a job well done as chair.
- II. **Nominating Committee Report:** The members of the committee are: Saul Finestone, Eleanor Stolar, and Ellie Tyson.
- III. **Election of officials for 2019:**
George Shea Chair 1 ballot
Fran Miffitt Vice Chair 1 ballot
Ellie Tyson Secretary 1 ballot
- IV. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully Submitter,

Ellie Tyson, Secretary