

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19

2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054

MEETING NOTES FROM September 13. 2022 – Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Bert called meeting to order at 1:00 PM

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Helen Daly, Bert Lannon, Bill Brown, Meredith Sauveur, Elizabeth Derwin , Chris McCaffrey, Brooks Corl, Ellen Rosenfeld,

This is a special strategy meeting to discuss the upcoming Town Meeting and Election

- Town Meeting has been moved to 11/10
- The 3 petitions and 1 additional petition to be presented by Lisa Hardin – suggested that they be brought up at the beginning of the meeting?
- Chris says that Jim feels that the Sr Center go first to present our proposal then the other 3 will have no merit if the Sr Ctr fails. Elizabeth suggests that each member of the COA Board should have a scripted item to show the need of a new center.
- It was noted that no one from the other petitions have as yet approached the COA
- Ellen – noted that we be aware that even if our proposal passes it could be brought up again before the meeting closes when all the seniors have left. It was also noted that at the last Town meeting this was not allowed as the moderator gavelled out immediately.
- Ellen will go to the Finance and the School Committees to present our case. She will stress to the School Comm that the Seniors have supported their needs in the past and that they should consider their children's grandparents living in Millis may need the services of the Senior Center in the near future

- The COA will need to make a presentation to the Finance Comm at their next meeting which is scheduled for 10/12 – Patty will make this presentation
- Ellen feels that she can get the Select Board to support the Sr. Center proposal.
- The next newsletter should insert the poster and how seniors can save on property taxes.
- Ellen noted that on our Town Election Day that most of the younger voters did not know about the Sr. Center proposal
- Where to post the brochures around town? Brooks stated that the COC would allow one to be posted and possibly the Middlesex Bank as well as the Library
- Patty will get in touch with the Millis/Medway newspaper and ask for an interview. She will also find out about an ad or if we could put in a 1-page insert

Action items:

- Patty to meet with the Finance Comm on 10/12
- Hand outs at the dump = Bert will do on 10/29 – see if we can get the drivers to do 11/5 – Ellen will also help. Ellen will provide 2 magnet signs to be used at the dump hand out spot
- Yard signs “VOTE YES FOR A NEW SENIOR CENTER” Chris will check with the Post Office Store and Patty will check with Staples. Ellen will check with the people who made her signs (approx 100 signs in highly visible locations (Rt 109, Village St. Pleasant St., Middlesex, Farm, Ridge and Orchard
- Have people holding signs on the corner of Rt 109 and 115 Oct 29 and Nov 5
- Cable presentation offered by Madeline Yusna – discussion about how this could be done? Elizabeth suggests a video be made of entering the Senior Center – down the stairs, through the hall and show the offices where there is no room for more than 1 person to meet with Patty or our outreach worker (or special legal help, etc) no private rooms. This would be shown on the Community Media Website perhaps in the “Millis After Dark” segment.
- Elizabeth and Ellen will design the card for the Town wide mailing through the post office
- Chris will check with Jim on what he would suggest as wording for the poster

Next meeting by Zoom Sept 22 at 7:00 PM