

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM October 8, 2020 – ZOOM Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chris called meeting to order at 9:05

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Secretary Helen Daly, Becky Poynot, Brooks Corl, Chris McCaffrey, Elizabeth Derwin, Lizette Walter

Secretary's Report from 9/9/20 Special Meeting and Monthly meeting of 9/10/20

Motion to accept Chris and Elizabeth - unanimous

Treasurer's Report

- All figures are up to date and in order. Report shows no monies were made for postage – Patty used FEMA monies to cover last newsletter postage
- Motion to accept by Chris and Elizabeth

HESSCO Report

- Patty has reached out to Bonnie Hilton who has expressed interest – she has not received an answer as yet. Bonnie is involved with the upcoming election.

Outreach Report:

- Becky broke her right foot and is working from home.
- She has handled 151 duplicated services – 51 calls - last years numbers were 126 services with 81 calls.
- She tried to do flower arranging with Nancy Sitta but found out that the Cable had no sound – planning on doing it again with Nancy. People will come to get their flowers and then work from home video – Nancy offered to do a live presentation outside – there were 18 people who came for flowers last date offered.
- Puzzles are also being given out and there is need of more.
- 11/1 Fuel Assistance coming up – Patty will check with Wrentham about how they are gathering documentation so Becky will be able to do from home. She gathers information and forwards to SMOC
- The Ashram will try to set up a food bank to deliver food and bread – will offer non-perishable items – refer to Facebook for info
- Last bread pick up at COA saw 22 people.

Director's Report:

- Referred to Elizabeth's scheduling where she took a room for 1 month.
- We received 40 checks for Friends dues
- Patty to schedule a date with Chris, Bert and Mike to discuss PBC issues
- ROBO calls -= Friends purchased the app – Patty said that the call did reflect COA as caller on her cell phone
- Board of Health offering Flu shots on 10/9 – from 10am to 1pm.No “super shot” will be offered. Sign-ups required. Becky will put info on Facebook today. 72 shots will be offered – targeting Town employees, poll workers as well as seniors. Chris suggests putting a white board out front of VMB

Chairman's Report

None. Chairman not present

Old Business

- Fall & Winter Programs

- Discussion of offering for Thanksgiving – grab and go? Patty, Chris and Becky offered to cook either a dinner or dessert which will be given out in the parking lot –sign-ups required. Elizabeth suggests a walk about the park as an alternative offering – giving pies out rather than full dinners? Perhaps on 11/19? Call it a “Turkey Stroll” with different routes around the park – more of a social gathering. Perhaps erect an arch with balloons?

New Business

- Tax Work Off Program – the Select-board voted to cover all workers abatements for 2021 regardless of hours worked
- Currently 6-9 workers falling under fuel assistance automatically get a spot – those under income will be considered first for 15 of the 20 positions. Five positions are held for those that have special skills.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM

Next COA Board Meeting: THURSDAY, November 12, 2020

9:00 AM– via ZOOM until further notice