

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM June 9 2022 – Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Bert called meeting to order at 8:58AM

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

Treasurer's Report

- 17K was removed from our drivers wages by the Town which they will reimburse at the year end (they needed it to cover something else?) - Helen will check with the Finance Dept to see what this was about. Patty noted that we never spend down the 21K applied to this budget item. Question asked – when budget is updated for the new year – can we amend this line item??)
- Helen spoke with Carol and Lisa from the Finance Dept – this is standard procedure nearing the end of the budget year to transfer unused funds from one dept to fill the need in another. This will not impact the upcoming budget. (Helen)

Secretary's Report

Accepted was written

The secretary apologizes that notes were hard to make as many conversations took place at this meeting. I've captured as much as possible.

HESSCO Report

- Presented by Elizabeth
- "12 cities and towns are in our group and most funds come from the State (15% only from the US government) with 35K earmarked for Millis in May.
- They will be moving from Sharon to Walpole to save consolidate space and save money.
- 291 people are waiting for services over all the towns they serve due to labor shortage in all agencies that HESSCO deals with. There will be no July or August meeting for HESSCO.

Outreach Report presented by Patty

- We have seen 10 individuals 63 times all under 60 years old in the past month including disabled persons in need of housing and transportation, facing homelessness. Debbie Sands interviewed with the Millis Medway news yesterday to outline the help she is able to give to residents

Director's Report:

- Patty will be out of work for 8 weeks due to upcoming back surgery.
- Will work with the Board to discuss coverage for this period

Chairmen's Report

- Helen presented Madeline Yusna's offer to broadcast an independent coverage of all questions and answers worked on by the COA – Elizabeth noted that she took count of last Focus Group meeting which showed that 3 voted for the VMB, 6 for Cassidy w/gym and 9 – do not build anything
- Meredith noted that her breakfast group want 1 story building
- Brooks noted that it seems that the architects as well as the PBC are pushing the addition to the VMB

- Ellen noted that the cost presented will use the prevailing wage which is very high and that LEAD signifies “energy efficient”. All we need to approve is the senior vote – she will get specific figures.
- Brooks asks if Holliston is interested? Ellen has a meeting schedule next week with the Holliston Select Board member (Hein) to discuss.
- Patty will talk to Madeline to set a date for filming after the last Focus Group meetings
- Meredith will bring another application to the Select Board (the original was lost or misplaced). Helen will check with her to make sure that this one is processed properly
- Ellen and Patty will talk to Madeline re: taping

Old Business

- Last Focus Group will be held at the Millis Library on 7/22 at 7pm

New Business

- No July meetings
- Patty will check to get a date for the next Working Group meeting with the PBC committee and will add Ellen to the list of attendees
- Enhanced Fitness class finishes next week – Meredith has volunteered to lead an exercise group meeting in the exercise room – no charge to the current Fitness room members and \$3.00 for drop ins. Dates will be Tuesdays at 1pm and Thurs @9am.
- Bill asked about a Memorial Service like we have had in the past to honor all of our residents who have passed over the last 2 years. Decided to try for Sept 16th at 10am if this is OK with the Church of Christ. Brooks will bring it up at their meeting today and advise the COA Board.
- Movie Day will be every Wednesday afternoon

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM
Next COA Board Meeting: Thursday August, 11, 2022
9:00 AM– Room 19