

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Veteran's Memorial Building, Rm 19
2900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054
MEETING NOTES FROM August 11, 2022 – Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Bert called meeting to order at 9:02AM

The following persons were present:, COA Director Patty Kayo, Helen Daly, Bert Lannon, Bill Brown, Meredith Sauveur, Elizabeth Derwin, Kathy MacInnes, Chris McCaffrey

Treasurer's Report

- No treasurer's report

Secretary's Report

Accepted with corrections as follows: RE: HESSCO report – change 18 cities and towns to 12, change funds come from the State (change 9% to 15%) and change moving due to union issues to (Consolidate space and save money).

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

- No HESSCO Report as they had no meeting

Outreach Report : Presented by Patty

- A new "Contracted Social Worker Amy Leone has joined the Millis Police Dept on a Contract basis working under a grant to review and help with addiction, mental health and criminal justice issues in the town. This will be a co-response with the Millis Police Dept, the schools, COA and will provide public health education to town residences.

Director's Report:

- Our new printer was lost by FEDEX – hoping to have it replaced in 2 weeks
- Freezer has been repaired
- Handicapped plate on the large van has not yet been updated – Patty is still working on it
- Patty is checking with Brooks to confirm the 9/16 Memorial service at the Church of Christ at 10AM
- The Fire Dept will be offering a BBQ on 9/20 @ Noon here at the COA. The COA will provide sides dishes and ice cream sundaes for the event
- Patty will discuss with Madeline Yusna to discuss a program to address all pertinent questions and concerns townspeople have voiced and will report at our next meeting.

Chairmen's Report

- Bert asked what the number of members make up the COA – that figure is 7, we now have 6 sworn in members: Chris McCaffrey, Bert Lannon, Helen Daly, Bill Brown, Lisette Walters, Elizabeth Derwin.
- Bert requests that travel fees for transportation for Veterans be eliminated:

Motion: " Waive the fee of \$25.00 for travel to Boston be eliminated and that a fee for Veterans travel anywhere within the COA travel area also be waived." Unanimously approved by the Board

New Business

- Kathy MacInnes raises the questions regarding the possible use of the Train Station or Rossi's for office space for Town offices? Have wet lands all been considered at Cassidy Farm? Mentions the cost of living for all Millis residents has increased – can we amend the proposed sight to a lesser amount?
- Elizabeth provided an updated “Millis Senior/Community Center Frequently Asked Questions” hand out which will show an updated rendering of the proposed Cassidy Farm building.
- Discussion resumed around items listed, discussions with Ellen Rosenfeld about our path forward – her next meeting is scheduled for 8/22.
- Chris presented a letter dated 7/22 (copy attached) to address all questions regarding this path forward, strongly suggesting that we move forward to the Select Board a proposal that the COA would like to offer to the Town of Millis the plan presented by the PBC and Abacus for the location of Cassidy Farm proposal without the gym at the November Town Meeting.

Motion was made: “The COA Board to request that the Select Board put a warrant on the November Town Meeting to request the Town to vote for a new Senior Center at Cassidy Farm without a gym as presented by the Permanent Building Committee and the COA.” Motion was unanimously approved.

- Patty to write letter to the Select Board which will be presented at their meeting on 8/22. She requests that members of the COA Board attend that meeting

Next COA Board Meeting: Thursday September 1, 2022

October meeting scheduled for 10/6

8:30 AM– Room 19