

COA Board Meeting 10/18/23

Members present: Les Molyneaux, Lorraine Gaysunas, Kenton Greene, Susan Setterland, Julie Wesolowski, Susannah Leslie

Approval of minutes:

Kenton made motion to approve. Susan Seconded. Passed 6-0

Directors Report:

- Tammy introduced internship program for behavior health services. We have 2 interns currently from Bridgewater State.
- Tammy Passed her LICSW exam on Monday
- Completed paperwork to be a certified Director under MCOA
- Susan gave an update on SHINE and how many clients Her and Katie have seen so far and how many she anticipates seeing during this open enrollment period.
- Tammy went before the Select Board on Monday Oct 2nd to give an update on Community Services. Will be going before AdCom tonight to discuss capitol plan projects for Community Services. There are currently no capitol project plans for the COA.
- Applied for Cultural Council Grant. Asked for \$6000 as we have in the past. These funds have support our art and music programs at COA keeping the cost free to participants.
- Both of our GATRA Vans are having maintenance issues. Van 1 has frame rot and is currently in the shop. Van 2 alternator went. Was replaced today and is ready for pick up. Services were not impacted to those that we provide transportation to.
- Ashley Stracco has started doing multiple programs a month at the COA. They include social groups, arts and crafts and games.
- Board provided an updated contact list of staff as well as the funding source for each staff member.
- Floors were completed on time and look wonderful

Budget update:

- No updates at this time. We will not be asking for anything new in this years budget.
- Tammy explained the funding sources for the budget
- Formular grant is based off of the 2020 Federal Census. The rate per senior (age 60+) is now \$14

Age and Dementia friendly community:

- Tammy and Julie are working on this initiative for the Town. Next step is to draft a letter to the Select Board for them to sign off on.

UMass needs assessment Study:

- Info has been sent to Umass. Next step is stakeholder meetings with town dept, residents, and employees.
- Les would like to see how many houses are owned by seniors in town. Tammy will reach out to clerk and assessors for this information

ESTRAP:

- Still providing services. Money appropriated is starting to dwindle. In December they will reassess where they are at and what funds will be needed for program to continue through the Housing Trust.

Cottage Zoning

- Les went to the Housing Meeting and shared historical information on the cottage zoning plans.

Senior Discounts:

- List that was printed in bulletin was too small, could it be reprinted? (will be in the December newsletter)
- Board would like to see a more Hanover specific list in the future

Master Plan

- Meeting scheduled for next week. Les will be attending

Board Member Survey:

- Members reviewed the survey that was given to them at a prior meeting
- Members recommended that the website have more info and easier to navigate
- Susan recommend setting up info session on what the center provides at senior housing complexes in town. (this is already in the works and Katie and Karen will be visiting each site)

Public Comment:

Cafe Question- how's is it going and do you know what times are the most busy? Cafe is starting to take off. Lunch hours (10:30-12) seem to be the busiest. Monday and Tuesday are busy days, Wednesday seem to be slower and Thursday is a wild card. Do they offer Grab and Go? At this time no, but we are in the process of getting supplies to offer that option.

Motion to close meeting:

- Susan made the motion to adjourn. Kenton Seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0