

HANOVER COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes of the Regular COA Board Meeting, November 19, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Hanover C.O.A. Advisory Board was held on Monday November 19, 2018, at the Hanover Senior Center. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dick Farwell at 9:00 AM. Five members were present: Dick Farwell, Les Molyneaux, Carol Mattes, Claire Flynn, and Roger Leslie and Don Buckley & Ellie Kimball were absent. Additional attendees were Director Tammy Murray Jen Dunn and Selectman John Tuzik.

The minutes from the October 15, 2018 regular meeting were accepted with one correction.

Tammy reviewed her Directors report, October 13 – November 16. Tammy attended a 3 day MCOA conference in Falmouth and there was discussion about re-framing the terms used for Senior Centers. She will be working with the board as these changes are implemented. She also shared that she would like to become a MCOA Certified Director and would need the board approval to pursue this certification. We approved and we will write a letter of recommendation. Tammy shared how successful the Author Series and History Series have been. They both had great attendance.

Generator Update – the platform was being poured the day of our board meeting. The building will have to be closed so the power switch can be turned on and off by National Grid. December 6th will be the day the center will close.

Tammy did not present full statistics or a budget review this month, but shared that check-ins are up 80% and we are running 60 rides per month.

Tammy shared a new program that the town is evaluating with South Shore Hospital call “Mobile Integrated Health”. There will be much more information coming at future meetings and announcements about the program through the town as well.

Tammy reminded everyone that the Christmas Party is Monday, December 17th at noon with Laura James as the entertainment.

There was a brief discussion on the progress of the non-profit status of the Friends of the COA and discussion relating to the filling on open positions created by the retirement of 4 board members. We discussed what would be an appropriate date event to thank the retiring board Friends board members.

Jen shared with the board that she is working on completing the CORI's on each volunteer. She shared that CORI's need to be done every 2 years. We have 65 active volunteers at this time.

Tammy received a request from Legion Housing to use the Newcomb Hall on December 1st for their annual Holiday Party from 1-4. The board approved this request.

Board Open Forum

Les shared that he had received several complaints on the condition of the bathrooms at the Center. We all agreed that the toilet stains are terrible, but Facilities continues to try products to clean the water stains on the toilets. The toilets are clean, the water is staining the enamel.

Les reported that he attended the Housing group meeting on 11/1 and there was going to be another meeting on 11/20. He was concerned with the direction that MAPC had taken and was concerned that the mission of “cluster” zoning was being lost. He will continue to update the board.

Dick shared that he would like to take a stab at repairing the leg/wheel on the piano. He will update at the next meeting.

Dick also asked about the right way for residents to keep their DNA documentation accessible for Emergency Responders. It would be great if it was right with the “File of Life”. This discussion is very important and Tammy was going to discuss with Chief Blanchard and report back.

Tammy updated the board on the new use of the Center 2nd floor storage. The humidifier broke in the Stetson House basement where documents and artifacts are stored. To maintain the integrity of these items the 2nd floor storage corner area will be used to store these items. Steven O’Neil the director of the Stetson House is leading the move of these items.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

CC: Hanover Council on Aging Advisory Board Members
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