

HANOVER COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes of the Regular COA Board Meeting, March 11, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Hanover C.O.A. Advisory Board was held on Monday February 11, 2019, at the Hanover Senior Center. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dick Farwell at 9:00 AM. One member was absent Ellie Kimball. Present were Dick Farwell, Les Molyneaux, Carol Mattes, Claire Flynn, Don Buckley & Roger Leslie. Additional attendee was Director Nancy Lester.

The minutes from the February 11, 2019 regular meeting were accepted, after there was a long discussion of how the board members present in February could have voted to approve the request for Newcomb Hall for the annual town volunteer appreciation night to be held on April 11th. The request asked to use the room and also requested they be able to serve alcohol. The two members who were absent in February, were furious that the board members present would even entertain the request when we have a policy of no alcohol. There was a 55 minutes discussion with the conclusion that we follow Roberts Rule of Order and the vote taken at the February 11th meeting to approve the request for the use of the room and the request for liquor with a vote of 4 in favor and 1 opposed would stand.

Secretary Carol Mattes read 3 thank you notes from retiring member of the Friends Board.

Tammy Murray, our Director was on vacation and Nancy Lester reviewed the Director's Report with the board. Nancy shared that Tammy along with legal counsel, Joe C and Ginny Johnson are reviewing our Gender Identity questions as well as the emotional support animal questions to determine what the town's options are for a town-wide policy.

Nancy shared the statistics through February. There were no questions.

Nancy then reviewed the current FY 19 expenditures through 1/31/19. There was a question raised regarding Refuse Removal Services. There was discussion among ourselves and we think the increase is because there isn't a market for recyclables. Hopefully, Tammy will be able to shed more light at our March meeting.

There was a discussion about the stains in the toilets and what can be done to keep up with the stains?

On Friday, April 12th the COA will be having their annual volunteer luncheon. The board agreed that they would again like to participate in serving and/or hand out thank you gifts.

The Friends of the Council on Aging have 5 members and 1 associate member.

There was one request for the use of Newcomb Hall from Altrusa for their Fashion Show, on Sunday, March 31st. The Board voted to approve this request. They had submitted all the necessary paperwork in order to use the room.

We had a brief discussion about the town website and the reason why there is an Elder Affairs Department and a Council on Aging Department. IT is working on a review of the town website. More information at a later meeting.

Board Open Forum

Carol Mattes shared that at the April or May board meeting the board will be reviewing the Policy Manual from cover to cover. Members are encouraged to review their Policy Manual so they will be able to participate meaningfully in the discussion. This review will not just be on the Alcohol Policy, but every policy in the book!

Les Molyneaux shared with the board the Revised Draft of Hanover's Open Space Residential Cluster Design (OSRCD) Bylaw. It is not exactly what Les wanted still, but they did make adjustment that he requested in this new version. The adjustments made included the Minimum Tract Size changed to 5 acres. There is still a question around townhouse density. Module will also be added.

Les also shared that Ken Green emailed him and he is interested in setting up a new group. Hanover townies, who could get together for a brown bag lunch and record their memories of Hanover at the meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Mattes

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Secretary

CC: Hanover Council on Aging Advisory Board Members
Tammy Murray, Hanover Elder Services Director