

**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**Cafeteria, 18 Jacobs Road**  
**Meeting Minutes Thursday, December 9, 2021**

**Present:** Victoria Burrington, Margaret Freeman, Donna Hyytinen, Sue Lively, Cathy Tallen

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m.

The following item was added to the agenda: multiple agendas. Since Victoria posts notice of meetings at Sawyer Hall and Margaret posts them on the town website, it was agreed that Victoria would send forthcoming agendas to Margaret the day before posting to copyread before posting. Margaret will also check with Slack Help concerning printing out documents from the site.

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, unanimous: to approve the 12/02 minutes as written.

**Heath Herald Covid-19 item:** The draft under consideration was tabled. Victoria will contact Gene Garland, chair of BOH to indicate our interest in joining them to encourage people to get vaccinated, and if so, we could help create a news release. She will also include information on the walking program at 18 Jacobs Road and ask about having COVID-19 screening questions posted on the entry door.

**Senior Program Coordinator revision:** Two minor changes of wording were made in the most recent version.

M/S/P Margaret, Cathy, unanimous: to accept the new revision and forward it to the Select Board.

**Walking Program:** Pam Porter has indicated no request to the Select Board is needed. It was decided to start the program to run M/W/F from 11:00 a.m. to noon in the gym and atrium, and to inform the Select Board and Building Use Committee as a point of information and invite suggestions. Victoria will contact Pat McGahan to schedule the program starting January 3, 2022.

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, unanimous: for COA to sponsor a walking program at 18 Jacobs Road.

**Room acquisition request:** the draft of a formal request to the Select Board to assign Room 135 at 18 Jacobs Road for COA use was discussed. Sue agreed to bring COA's concern over coordination of summer use for other spaces to the Select Board.

M/S/P Cathy/Donna, unanimous: to accept the letter as revised and send to the Select Board via email.

The item listed on the agenda as "Age Friendly Communities" was an error. It was actually a reference to FRCOG's request to the Select Board for a letter of support by December 13 in seeking grants for various programs for seniors. The town coordinator had forwarded it to COA with a question regarding our stance re Heath joining AARP's Age Friendly Communities movement. Margaret had responded via email to indicate COA's decision not to apply for membership, given our current situation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2022.

M/S/P Margaret, Cathy, unanimous: to adjourn at 3:28 p.m.