

Council on Aging
Room 135, 18 Jacobs Road
Minutes Thursday, March 16, 2023

Present: Margaret Freeman, Lyra Johnson-Fuller, Donna Hyytinen, Sue Lively, Cathy Tallen.
Absent: Victoria Burrington.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Review Agenda: add FY2022; communication calls.

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, unanimous: to approve the 3-02-2023 minutes as amended.

Senior Program Coordinator Report: Lyra will reserve cafeteria space for the hot lunch April 19. She has already received three reservations, and will deliver hot lunches to the homebound. Eileen Lively has indicated she will be doing the same for the Firefighters' spaghetti dinner on March 25. Coordinator space has been organized, senior email list set up. Contact with the coordinator should now be conducted via the COA email: seniorcenter@townofheath.org. Lyra will be meeting with IT for laptop internet access (possibly doing both library and COA).

Life Path: Meg Ryan, the Lifepath Manager of the Age- and Dementia-Friendly Initiative, is meeting with the Select Board at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. Margaret will post a COA notification in case we have a quorum at the meeting. The Council agreed to review Age-Friendly Community opportunities at some future meeting after Meg Ryan's presentation.

Transportation chart: Cathy was commended for creating the chart for senior availability. It was noted that details for the Access Program could be made more specific. Lyra will distribute the chart after revision.

Communication calls: The Council was gratified that seniors are beginning to contact members will enquiries about services. Lyra will create a list for mailings to be sent to seniors without email. Margaret will check with Charlene about a cheaper postal rate for sending the monthly schedules.

Senior Activities and Needs: A color printer was cited as a priority. Sue will check into prices. A counter dishwasher is available for \$49.99, but would need plumbing installation. A follow-up to the question of a smart tv license was moved to the next agenda. Concern was raised about holding the square dance on March 18, given the lack of parking because of the recent snowfall. Victoria subsequently heard from Doug Wilkins that they plan to go ahead on March 18 anyway. Lyra will contact Simone to remind her to bring the window curtain for the foot clinic on March 21. Margaret will meet with Tim to help set up the station.

FY2022 Report: Sue noted that committees were sometime confused between producing calendar or fiscal year reports. COA's reports are currently calendar, which is correct.

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, unanimous: to accept the FY2022 report as amended.

Next meeting Thursday March 30 at 1:30 p.m.

M/S/P Cathy, Donna, unanimous: to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.