

Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2019

Present - Carole Mullen, director, Cheryl Moreci, chair, Bob Casali, Pat Johnson, Dan Malloy, Eileen Milaszewski, Diane Frazier, Rebecca Wild-Wesley - Absent - Nancilee Fuller

Minutes and Bills - Approved and accepted.

Emeritus Member - Board member Claudette Hughes resigned recently. In view of her tremendous contributions to the Council over the past nineteen years it was voted unanimously to make her an emeritus member of the board.

Transportation - Use of the van remains low. A decision on what to do about transportation will be discussed and decided on in a future meeting.

Town financial condition - The director reported that in a recent department head meeting, it was stated that the town's financial condition is quite poor, and that except for salaries, department budgets will be level funded. A Proposition 2 1/2 override will be brought up for a vote at the next town meeting.

Wellness Fair - A wellness fair will be held on Saturday, May 4. It will include sessions on yoga, tai chi, natural medicine, meditation, etc.

Volunteer breakfast - The breakfast will be held at the Community House on May 9.

Barbecue - The annual barbecue will be held on June 6. It will be paid for by the Friends of Elders.

Outdoor activities - The Parklands walk was cancelled because of rain, but will be rescheduled. There will also be a kayaking/canoeing event held on Hopedale Pond.

Programs - Two instructors of very successful programs will be unable to continue. The director has found a new yoga instructor, and will also be bringing back line dancing. The director's goal is to have at least one or two activities every day, and is looking for instructors for more programs.

Tax credit program - There was a discussion about whether to cut back the number of positions in the tax credit program, and/or tie the hours worked to the minimum wage. The decision was to leave the program as it is.

Strategic plan - The director suggested that the Board should be making plans for the future - where we want to go and how we're going to do it. The plan would be publicized, including a list of services. At town meeting, voters could say yes or no to what is proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy, Secretary