

To Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2021

Present – (Senior Center) Carole Mullen, director, Dan Malloy, secretary, Dave Guglielmi - (Zoom) Cheryl Moreci, chair, Bob Casali, Karen Kuligowski, Julia Manning, Eileen Milaszewski, Arlene Williams.

Letter to Board of Health – There was a considerable amount of discussion regarding sending a letter, to be signed by the chair, to the Board of Health in regard to covid vaccines. One reason for this letter was that the director had received a large number of calls concerning the difficulty people were having in signing up for vaccinations. The subject of the letter was to “request that the Hopedale Board of Health implement in-town COVID-19 vaccination clinics for residents age 65 and older.” After discussion and several changes/additions, Eileen moved to send the letter. The motion passed unanimously.

The director stated that the state is aware of the problem of access to the vaccine, and she expects that the problem will be solved. When helpful information becomes available, she will be able to pass it on to all whose phone numbers we have.

Budget – The director suggested submitting a budget similar to that of FY 2020, which was about \$115,000. The matter was discussed, including transportation, the health nurse position, and IT support. Bob moved to increase the health nurse line in the budget from \$700 to \$1,000. That passed unanimously. It was also voted to have an IT support budget of \$1,000. After discussion, Bob moved to include a four-percent salary increase for CoA employees. That also passed unanimously. The proposed total budget that will be presented to the FinCom will be for approximately \$122,000.

Publicity – Julia brought up the fact that most of the public has a very limited idea of what is done at the Senior Center. She agreed to look into what could be done to improve that.

Fiftieth anniversary of the CoA – Planning for a celebration of the anniversary is in the early stages. Nancy will be in charge of it, and it is hoped that all committee members will assist.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy, Secretary