The Council on Aging Meeting Minutes March 18, 2021

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

Minutes – The minutes for November and January were accepted.

Bills – The director stated that there had been very few bills. Those that have been received and paid were for cable, Staples, and the printer for the newsletter.

Outreach – Most outreach has been for helping with fuel assistance, and help for people to obtain vaccines through the state vaccine finder website. The director extended thanks for invaluable help to Tom McGovern, who used his computer expertise to obtain vaccine appointments in cases that were especially difficult. Board of Health agent, Bill Fisher will assist with the vaccine for homebound people.

Budget - The director hasn't met with the Finance Committee yet, but expects that when she does, the budget being submitted will be lowered.

Programs – The matter of how to hold programs in the summer and fall was discussed. The director has put all of the Community House programs on the newsletter. All are virtual, and none will be held during the summer. If possible, the Council will offer some exercise programs during the summer. It will be necessary to find out what can and what can't be done, and who can be in the programs. Various opinions were offered on the possibility of offering programs this summer. The question of requiring proof that program participants had had two shots was discussed. This might not be legal. Whatever policy is devised, will be submitted to the Board of Health and the town counsel. It would have to comply with CDC and state requirements.

Ethics training – The director reminded committee members to complete the state ethics training requirements online, and submit the evidence of completion to the town clerk.

Fiftieth anniversary of the Council – An event is still being planned to celebrate the anniversary, but at the moment, much remains unknown about how we'll be able to go about it.

April meeting – The April meeting will be held on April 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy, Secretary

