

The Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021

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

Minutes – March minutes accepted, with one correction required. The Board of Health agent, Bill Fisher, had been incorrectly identified.

Bills – Again this month there were very few bills. The total was \$736. The most significant one was for a repair of the van for \$520.62.

Budget – The FY 2022 budget will be level funded at \$113,455. It will not be possible to restore this year's budget to what it was in FY 2020, or to add nurse hours. A two-percent increase for salaries was included, with the amount taken out of transportation. The Friends will be asked to make up the difference.

Activities – Activities will start with meditation and tai chi, which will be done on the patio. Depending on how that works, it is hoped that more activities will be added during the summer., with the goal of eventually getting to five a week. There will be more grab 'n' go meals. The possibility of resuming nurse appointments will be looked into.

Van transportation – During the past month, 46 rides were given to 11 people. The low numbers are partly a result of dealing with the covid situation.

Outreach – The largest numbers for the past month were for medical, (36 people) which was largely for scheduling covid vaccination appointments, and 23 for socialization. The total numbers in the service statistics were 79 unduplicated and 111 duplicated.

Reopening – The director has created a statement for the unknown time when it will be possible to reopen the Senior Center. It is hoped that it will be possible to hold a large event, such as a barbecue to celebrate reopening, but at this time it's not possible to know if or when that can be done.

Town Meeting – For the town meeting on May 22, Draper Street will be reserved for senior citizen parking.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy, Secretary