

The Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2022

Present – At Community House - Carole Mullen, director, Cheryl Moreci, chair, Charles Duczakowski, Dave Guglielmi, Dan Malloy, Eileen Milaszewski, Arlene Williams. On Zoom, Julia Manning, Karen Kuligowski

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 1:08.

Minutes – Approved, with the addition of Charlie to the list of those present.

Expenditures – The funds in the line for Professional and Technical expenses had to be moved to the Newsletter line.

Recording interactions – Carole spoke about the complications of recording interactions, and her attempts to improve it.

Service statistics – Fuel assistance had the highest number on the list.

Activities – Activities are coming back. At the present time, they include bridge, cribbage, exercise, tai chi, and watercolor. The numbers of participants have been getting larger, and there are more men and younger people than in the past. However, some people still don't feel safe in coming back to in-person activities.

St. Patrick's Day party. There were about 30 in attendance.

Meals – The last grab 'n' go for now will be next week. There are 62 people signed up for it.

Van – The new van has been delivered, and is much better than our previous one in a number of ways. David Williams has passed all required tests to be a van driver for us. He has been doing some trips on the van with Mike Rutkowski. Carole has been attempting to set up a program to share trips with Mendon on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Communication – The director addressed the difficulty in "getting the word out" about Council activities, and just about anything else in town. There was a discussion of the situation, and she will continue to work toward improving it.

Spring event – Carole and Nancy are planning on holding an event in the spring at the Griffin-Dennett Apartments. There are many new residents there.

Fiftieth anniversary event – The celebration will probably be held in October, with an open house and a hobby fair, either at the Community House or the gym.

Salaries – Nancy’s salary is partly paid by the state formula grant, and the rest is from the Council through the town budget. Cheryl suggested having the director’s position be made full-time.

Job descriptions There is a job description for the director, but not for the other positions in our department. Carole said that there is a need for a consultant to be hired to write them for all town positions where they don’t now exist.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy