

**The Council on Aging**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2022**

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:07.

**Minutes** – Approved, with additional wording in the paragraph about communications.

**Expenditures** - All accounts are in line and none are over-extended.

**Services** – The SMOC number has been coming down as we approach the end of the fuel assistance application season. The medical number for duplicated cases is 27 for medical, and 17 for socialization. There are a few people who need a lot of contact from Nancy.

**Van** – There was a minor accident involving the new van. The director took care of the situation with phone calls to MWRTA, insurance, police, etc. Our new driver has decided not to continue employment with us. This leaves the department in serious need of a second driver.

**Griffin-Dennett event** – An event has been set up by Carole and Nancy to help make the residents at the Griffin-Dennett apartments aware of services and activities provided by the Council on Aging. Members of the police department and the fire department will be there.

**Budget** – Employees in our department probably won't be given any more hours in next year's budget. They now receive very low wages on short hours. The Finance Committee needs to either support longer hours or tell us what services they want us to eliminate.

**Activities** – Carole was very happy to tell us that the calendar of activities for May is filled. She'd like to offer an exercise class for the summer, but is dealing with where to find an instructor and the money to pay for the class.

**Volunteer breakfast** – An event to honor volunteers for our department will be held on May 12. The meal will be provided by Atria Draper Place.

**Barbecue** – A barbecue will be held on June 23.

**Friday hours** – The director requested a change of Friday hours from 9 to 12 to 8 to 12. Eileen moved to approve the request and the motion passed unanimously.

**Planning for the future** – The director suggested that we form a sub-committee for the purpose of discussing and planning where we are headed, and what the needs will be for activities in the

future. She recommended keeping it simple and just coming up with three to five goals and objectives that the Council should be working on for the next five years.

**Fiftieth anniversary event** – The occasion will be observed by a hobby fair, an open house, and signs around town. It will be held on Saturday, October 8.

**Letter to the Director** – Cheryl read a letter to Carole informing her that she had been nominated by Rep. Brian Murray to be recognized as one of the Commonwealth's Heroine Class of 2022 and selected by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women to receive the award. There will be a ceremony honoring the women selected in Boston on June 22.

**And more praise** – At the end of the meeting, Dave spoke about the superb presentation Cheryl and Carol made at a recent Finance Committee meeting.

**Next meeting** – May 19, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy, secretary