

The Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM.

Minutes – Minutes for the November meeting were accepted.

Budget – Out-of-town transportation (particularly medical appointments in Boston) has been rather expensive this year. It may start costing \$30 more per trip. If this turns out to be the case, we will have to start charging more for the trips.

Services – The highest numbers were for assisting with SMOC applications (heating assistance) followed by socialization and transportation.

Nurse home visits program – The program got underway this month. Nancy and our nurse, Mary Watson are making the visits together. They have done two per week.

Formula grant – Now that the state funds provided by the formula grant, which pays part of Nancy's salary, are finally being based on the town's over-60 population as shown in the 2020 census, we are receiving more money from that source. It will be \$19,080 this year. Much of the meeting was spent discussing budget, but there are still too many unknowns to come to any definite plans for the coming fiscal year.

Outreach position – Beginning in July, Nancy plans to reduce her hours from 22 per week, to 15. Carole will assume additional outreach responsibilities

Van – The new van driver is working out very well. Ride requests are low, but for the people who make use of it, it is very important.

Activities – New activities that will be offered include exercise/dance, smartphone photography, and computer skills.

Strategic plan – Charlie reported on the results of the strategic planning meeting. The group went through a plan used by the town of Carlyle, which includes consideration of housing, outreach and transportation. More on the subject will be presented at our next meeting.

New Town Administrator – Cheryl is a member of the committee that is looking into the hiring of a new T.A. She asked anyone with issues they'd like to be brought up in interviews to pass them on to her. She also praised the work of the CoA's three employees.

Next meeting – The tentative date for the next meeting is March 23.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy