

**The Council on Aging**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 20, 2022**

**Present** – At the 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 PM.**

**Minutes** – Minutes for the July and September meetings were accepted.

**Outreach** – A large part of Nancy's time in the past month has been spent helping people with their applications for fuel assistance.

**Anniversary event** – In spite of poor weather, the event went well. Two of the visitors became volunteers for the department.

**Flu clinic** – The clinic went very well, and Central Pharmacy of Milford was excellent to work with. Another clinic will be held on October 27.

**Nurse** – The pilot program for our nurse to be able to visit people in their homes has been approved by the town. Paramedics, firemen, Nancy and nurses are covered under an insurance rider that the town has. The program will first be announced in our December newsletter. Our nurse, Mary Watson, wanted to make two points clear. One is that if she sees an issue with anyone she visits, she won't report it to the person's family. She would report the situation to the director who would get Tri-Valley involved if it is a matter of grave concern. Her other issue was liability, which, as noted above, is covered. The policy was brought up to a vote, Arlene moved to approve, and it passed unanimously.

**Medicare** – Bob, our SHINE counselor will be making a presentation on Medicare open enrollment on October 24. It will be mainly for people who are already on Medicare.

**Van** – Our new driver, Michael Coliani, has passed the MWRTA driver training program. The van is back with a new battery and new brakes.

**Holiday party** – The party will be at the Community House on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Veterans Day** – There will be about 100 signs placed on the Community House lawn with Hopedale veteran's names on them. The Veterans Day program will be held on November 10.

**Instructor fee account** – An anonymous donation of \$2,000, which will be given quarterly, has been made to the account.

**Director's vacation** – Carole will be on vacation from October 31 through November 4, and has arranged for coverage in the Senior Center.

**Outreach position** – Nancy has been in discussion with the director about her desire to reduce her hours. Carole has suggested increasing the number of hours for the position from 22 to 30,

and split the time into a 10 hour and a 20-hour position. Other scenarios are possible if the additional hours are approved.

**Goals and objectives** – The director recommended that in the near future the board should begin discussing goals and objectives for the department for the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy, secretary