

# **Council on Aging**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**May 16, 2019**

**Present** - Carole Mullen, director, Cheryl Moreci, chair, Bob Casali, Nancilee Fuller, Pat Johnson, Dan Malloy, Eileen Milaszewski, Rebecca Wild-Wesley. **Absent** - Diane Frazier

**Minutes and Bills** - Approved and accepted.

**Transportation** - Use of the van remains low. However, those who have been using it have a serious need for it. The director will provide more information on the subject in August.

**Town financial condition** - The director read a statement she is considering reading at the May 21 Town Meeting, where a Proposition 2 1/2 override will be voted on. The statement outlined the services provided by our department and the importance of being able to continue with the work. Board members supported the statement, while adding a few suggestions.

**Wellness Fair** - The wellness fair held on May 4 was a success. It was visited by about 75 people.

**Barbecue** - The annual barbecue will be held on June 6. It will be paid for by the Friends of Elders.

**Summer hours** - Sue Sgambato will be unable to continue teaching the arthritis class. There's a possible replacement for her, but she, as with several other instructors, won't be available to teach classes during the summer. However, it appears that there will be classes on Mondays through Thursdays. Line dancing will be brought back and held on Wednesdays at 10:30 rather than the previous time of one. The time change may attract more people.

**Pat Johnson leaving** - Pat has informed the director that she will not be renewing her membership on the board after the end of her term.

**Nineteenth Amendment celebration** - Plans for a reenactment of the passing of the amendment and a party are underway. It will probably be held in September 2020.

**Emergency information - trip participants** - The director raised a discussion of what sort of information, if any, should be required of people going on our trips. She mentioned that there is emergency information in the database, but sometimes people on trips bring a friend who isn't in the database. Bob suggested that including allergies might be a good idea, and Cheryl mentioned blood thinners and insulin. Rebecca added that filling out forms for emergency information has been required at conferences that she has attended. The director will create a form which will be discussed at the next meeting.

**July meeting** - Bob suggested the possibility of an "unofficial meeting" in July to hold a brainstorming session on the future of the Council. It was decided to hold a meeting for that purpose at 10 a.m. on July 18.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy, Secretary