

The Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

Present- At the Community House Cheryl Moreci, Chair, Carole Mullen, Director, Dan Malloy, Secretary, Bob Casali, Dave Guglielmi, Julia Manning, Eileen Milaszewski, Arlene Williams.

On Zoom -Karen Kuligowski

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm

Town Budget situation- The subject of the entire meeting was the possibility that the Council on Aging will be eliminated in the fiscal year beginning in July. The plan now is for the Select Board to propose an Override to be voted on at the May 16, 2023 Town Meeting. If the Override passes, the next step is a Ballot vote on May 23, 2023. Failure of either vote, eliminates the COA, the Library, the Parks and significantly reduces the school budget. With this possibility, Carole has been in contact with our State Representative and State Senator as well as other people and Aging Agencies. In order to be funded, the COA department would need to exist in some way. If the COA is not funded, many details need to be worked out regarding the space that the Senior Center currently occupies.

Much of the meeting was spent discussing ways of getting community support to save the Council on Aging. The primary way of doing that is to create an infographic depicting COA services. Carole and Julia are getting started. The final version will be reviewed by the Chairperson.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Malloy, Secretary