

Hopedale Council on Aging Board Meeting – February 26, 2018

Members present: Cheryl Moreci, Bob Casali, Nancilee Fuller, Pat Johnson, Claudette Hughes

Members absent: Dan Malloy, Rebecca Wild-Wesley, Diane Frazier

Open Board Position: 1

Edmund Feijo, candidate for COA van driver was interviewed by COA Board members. He has had various businesses in the Bellingham area. Has over-the-road trucking experience as well. He spoke of his customer service skills and desire to find useful endeavors to fill his time in retirement.

Motioned made by Bob Casali and seconded by Pat Johnson to offer the van driver position to Ed Feijo. Vote was unanimous by the Board. Ed will complete CORI check and references will be check by Director before an offer will be extended.

COA members discussed the potential purchase of a cell phone with loaded minutes so we can communicate with driver.

One community member is interested in the current open COA Board position. The Board would like her to attend the March 2018 meeting in order to meet the prospective member. Director will notify individual.

Discussion ensued regarding the necessity to suspend out-of-town trips to Boston/Worcester for the remainder of the fiscal year. Funds will be diverted to new van program. Additionally, there has been greater than usual requests for Boston transit in the last two month which, if continued would exhaust the current earmarked funds for out-of-town transportation services.

Our 2017 -2018 Sr. Tax Credit Program employs twenty-two (22) seniors. We have added additional jobs in the Fire Department and High School Cafeteria this program year.

The YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program in partnership with the Hockomock YMCA is scheduled to commence in May 2018. We are still waiting for the Y to finalize payment arrangements with Medicare so participants 65 and older may have program charges paid by Medicare.

Brief discussion on COA trips for 2018 which include a 2 night 3 day trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine. We will see if seniors have a true interests in “overnight trips”.

St. Patrick’s Day celebration March 15, 2018. COA received a grant from the Hopedale Cultural Council to pay for \$350.00 of the \$450.00 charges.

Additionally, Director Carole Mullen thanked Craig Adams of Hopedale, Ma employed by of Harvard Community Health Plan for a \$500.00 company grant to the Council on Aging.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm Thursday February 26, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudette Hughes

