

Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

Present - Carole Mullen, Cheryl Moreci, Diane Frazier, Nancilee Fuller, Claudette Hughes, Pat Johnson, Dan Malloy, Eileen Milaszewski, Rebecca Wesley, and van driver candidate True Davis.

Bills - Eileen had several questions about the bills and how the finances of the department are handled. Carole answered them and the bills for the past month were approved.

Van driver candidate - True Davis, who is interested in becoming a driver for the Council was present. He discussed his qualifications and answered several questions from board members.

Hockamock YMCA - Funding, which would come from Medicare, for a pre-diabetes program, has not been obtained yet. Carole feels that it's a great program but foresees difficulty in finding people interested in signing-up. It's a year-long program.

Transportation conference - All participants found that the main problem with transportation is getting money for it. Carole attended two seminars. One was on getting medical organizations to be partners in transportation, and the other was how organizations are using unconventional ways to transport. Representatives from Lyft and Uber were there.

MWRTA van - Preparing to make use of the van has occupied much of Carole's time in recent weeks. It has arrived and is being kept in the parking lot on Hope Street. There was a lengthy discussion about it.

Dementia live program - The program on "virtual dementia" was a great success. It will be held again.

Boothbay Harbor trip - Only 11 have signed-up for the trip. A decision on possible cancellation will have to be made by May 11. Carole plans to meet with Mendon and Upton to coordinate future trips.

Town Meeting - Town meeting agenda items will include two for revolving accounts for the C o A. One will be for transportation and the other will be for instructor fees.

Annual barbeque - The barbeque will be on June 26. Entertainment will be by the honky-tonk piano player.

Programs - Carole has been conferring with Tara Chambers about future programs. She also discussed trying to get people in for afternoon programs, and to get more men involved. Claudette suggested bocce. Carole will inquire with the Community House about the possibility of establishing a bocce court.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 2:00. Following the meeting, board members went across the street to get acquainted with the van.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Malloy, Secretary