

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
February 8, 2021

Members Present: Paula Martin, Peter Cunningham,
Judith Palumbo O'Brien, Dottie Zale, Therese
Keosseian, Mihran Keosseian, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp

Others Present: Martena Gilbert

The meeting was opened by Kathy at 1:03 p.m.

Minutes from the January 11 meeting was presented by Helen. They were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Peter, and by Therese. All unanimous approval was accepted.

Director's Report: On March 1, the Center will open with minimal programs at first. The opening day of the Red Sox, the meal will be take home. Accreditation work is presently on hold. Kathy Santiago is out on family leave. Could be up to 12 weeks. Nashoba Health was given 200 vaccines. Groton received 16. Anyone over the age of 90 should be vaccinated by Wednesday. We are hoping to receive more on Friday. At a meeting with Mark, Steele and Mike Luth it was discussed how to handle vaccine distribution throughout Groton. Peter asked about Rivercourt.

We do not have the current capacity to handle hundreds of vaccine notifications. Paula suggested we contact the gal who is currently working with the State. There is an issue with parking of our vans during the winter months. Nashoba Tech students may help to build a covered structure.

Peter spoke of the Sportsman's Club work. We are approved to go forward, and in a good direction. Mihran spoke of possibly starting work in the Spring.

Martena told us that the Superintendent is working on a plan for vaccine distribution to include the G/D School Department. Martena will be meeting with Dunstable on Wednesday and they will be discussing the budget. She has a good feeling going forward. Therese asked about teachers getting vaccinated any time soon. Martena doesn't think they will be vaccinated fully before the April vacation. The students offered to help Seniors with vaccine registration. Kathy will put out a notice to help folks.

Outreach Report: Project Safe & Sound is in the works. The Police and Fire Departments are included.

Activities/Volunteer Report: Bag The Event has been very popular. We hope to have outdoor meals in the Spring and Summer. Kathy has been very impressed with the outpouring of gratitude for the Bag The Event program.

Dottie appreciated the letter Kathy put out explaining any distribution in town of the vaccine.

Next meeting will be held on March 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to accept Directors and Staff reports was made by Peter, and by Paula. All unanimous approval accepted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paula, and by Peter. All unanimous approval accepted.

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen Sienkiewicz,
Secretary
Groton Council On Aging
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