

Minutes from the Groton Council On Aging
Board Meeting
April 12, 2021

Members Present: Judy Palumbo O'Brien, Jean Sheedy, Paula Martin, Peter Cunningham, Therese Keoseian, Mihran Keoseian, Dottie Zale, Richard Marton, Helen Sienkiewicz

Staff Present: Kathy Shelp, Stacey Shepard Jones

Others Present: Marlana Gilbert - School Committee Liaison

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

Minutes: Minutes from the March 15 meeting were presented by Helen. They were reviewed and a motion to accept was made by Peter, 2nd by Judy. All unanimous approval was accepted.

Director's Report: The roof repair work is moving forward. A new shed will replace the damaged fence.

Vaccine phone calls have all but stopped. There are eight appointments tomorrow. Therese thanked Kathy and Stacey for making all of the many appointments. We are in need of a few items for the Center. New window shades will be installed in both Kathy and Stacey's offices. Tables and chairs, for dining outside, will be purchased. Another pool table will be paid for by the Friends of Groton Elders.

Jean questioned the possibility of more trees falling on the property. Tom Delaney and his staff will be checking the trees.

Therese asked about the weather possibly affecting the outside tables and chairs. They will be stored in the new shed.

A motion to approve monies was made by Paula, 2nd by Judy. All unanimous approval accepted.

Kathy showed us a cost explanation for the Bag the Event meals. It amounted to \$3.04 per person for each meal. 616 meals were served in total.

Mihran spoke about the revision of our mission statement. There is a clear alignment of our mission statement with an explanation of a mission statement. All bench marks were in alignment.

Questions will be sent out to all COA members, approximately 700, asking for their thoughts on whether we fulfilled our job.

Activities/Volunteer Report: We are moving forward with activities. Outside lunch and movies will be coming. Mother's Day Brunch, with 28 guests, will be held.

Father's Day lunch will be held outside, including a car show. Spring Fling will be held the end of May. End of June will bring the Police Picnic. Outside groups are now meeting at the Center.

Outside pickle ball is now playing at Lost Lake on Tuesday and Thursday. Peter mentioned a pickle ball political action committee is alive and well. Peter also mentioned the preliminary results of hot spots, including lead, at the Sportsman's facility. The town does not officially own the site. So, funding is undetermined now.

(Outreach Report: Stacey has completed approximately 700 emergency preparedness forms. Project Safe & Sound to be completed soon. There have been many van appointments for vaccine shots up to Lowell General.

School Committee Report: The budget has been finalized. There will be no over-ride needed. The Flo Ro Project will be on the Groton Cable Channel. Vaccinations for teachers is going well. Students will be returning to school soon. Covid infection rate is slowing down. Unsure as to the Covid restrictions in the Fall.

Therese questioned the end of school year date. It will be June 12. There will be no prom. A parade and outdoor luncheon will be held.

Mihran emphasized the importance of the Groton residents to support funding for the new track. He also mentioned the importance of the Community Preservation Funds to pay for the track and high school stadium funding.

Next meeting will be on May 10 at 1:00pm.

Motion to accept Director's and Staff

Reports was made by Therese, 2nd by Peter. All unanimous approval accepted.

Richard declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen Sienkiewicz,
Secretary

Groton Council On Aging
April 12, 2021