

STOCKBRIDGE Council on Aging BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 10:06 A.M.

1. Members Present: Christina McCarthy, Chairman; Jack Gremli, Ron Muir, Diane Sheridan. **Members Absent;** Nancy O'Brien **Others Present:** Michael Canales, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. The chairman apologized for a late start due to technical difficulties and thanked Michael Canales for his technical support.

2. Minutes: Approval of the Minutes from meeting on December 7, 2022. Minutes reviewed. Chris McCarthy and Jack Gremli commented that details from the minutes had changed after the fact. Those changes will be addressed later in the meeting. **Jack Gremli makes the motion to accept the minutes as presented and it is seconded by Diane Sheridan. All in favor 4-0**

3. Director Position: Michael Canales, Town Administrator states that there will be a meeting of the selection committee immediately after the conclusion of the board meeting. Diane Sheridan and Jack Gremli will be joining Michael Canales on the selection committee. Chris McCarthy asked about the number of applications. Michael Canales reported that there are six. Chris McCarthy asked if things would be in place by February 1st. Michael Canales responded that the process will move ahead as quickly as possible, but there are many factors which determine a start date such as availability of the chosen candidate to start and approval by the selectmen. The selectmen next meeting is scheduled for two weeks from now.

4. COA Operational guidelines: Jack Gremli led a presentation and discussion of the draft of the COA Operational guidelines. The draft which is fashioned after other COA existing guidelines was shared with the board prior to the meeting. Two-thirds of the document was presented and discussed with suggested changes to be researched and changed as suggested. Chris McCarthy stated that since the Zoom limitations were to expire shortly, we should attend to the rest of the meeting agenda and finish the document editing after the close of the meeting. All agreed.

5. Event report of December events. C. McCarthy states the gathering featuring the fire chief was very well received. All aspects of his presentation were pertinent and appreciated. The soup and dessert were also well received. C. McCarthy also reported that the Red Lion Inn luncheon was very successful and the participants appreciated the continuation of a wonderful event. Thank you to the Red Lion Inn.

6. January event. January 18th speaker presentation with Leslie Klein, showcasing her poetry and on her pottery work. Luncheon will be a sandwich platter. It was pointed out by Chris McCarthy that RSVPs are now being requested to help in food preparation. Prior to the sending out of flyers earlier this week, six people had responded yes. Diane Sheridan suggested that food should be prepared for slightly more than the RSVP

amount. Chris concurred. Jack reported that after food, he will lead a birthday celebration for Elis Presley complete with karaoke for all.

7. February event: C. McCarthy reported that the February 15th event will feature goodies from local shop **Peace, Love & Chocolate**. The treats will be accompanied by Beatles music about peace, love and perhaps chocolate.

8. Future events: March will feature a “Wearing of the Green” themed event. For April, Chris has contacted Naumkeag and received a favorable response. Details need to be worked out – hopefully - by our new director. Chris also has contacted the Hancock Shaker Village about sponsoring an event in the near future. Chris reported that they are willing and they suggested maybe a trip to the village would be appropriate.

9. Additional Activities; CM has not yet made contact with the Bridge players to start the card group. A Tuesday/Thursday 10am walking club began on January 5th led by Chris McCarthy. For the first meeting which was pre-flyer, Chris walked alone. For the second session (post flyer) three folks joined Chris. Chris also reported that a Wednesday morning 11:30 knitting group began on January 4th. Attendance for the first two sessions matched the walking club attendance.

10. Open Forum; N/A

11. New Business: N/A

12. Next Meeting; It was formally established that the board will meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of each month. Next meeting will be February 8th at 10:00 am.

Adjournment; A motion was made to adjourn @ 10:55 AM by D. Sheridan and it was seconded by R. Muir. All in favor 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Jack L. Gremli, Ed.D. - substitute scribe