

STOCKBRIDGE Council on Aging BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:33 A.M.

Members Present: Christina McCarthy, Chairman; Jack Gremli, Diane Sheridan, Ron Muir.

Members Absent; Nancy O'Brien Others Present: Michael Canales, Town Administrator, and Andrea Lindsay, Stockbridge Housing Authority

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Minutes: Approval of the Minutes from meeting on November 9, 2022. Minutes reviewed. **Jack Gremli makes the motion to accept the minutes as presented and it is seconded by Diane Sheridan. All in favor 4-0**

Director Position; Michael Canales, Town Administrator states the job is posted in the Eagle, Shoppers Guide and Mass Hire. Individuals can apply through the Town. The job was posted just after Thanksgiving. One applicant to date.

Event report of November 16th gathering. All reports received were positive. People had a wonderful time. C. McCarthy states the combination of Joshua Hall and Food, along with the community sing of Alices Restaurant made the people come out.

December events. Fire Chief scheduled for today, with soup for lunch. RLI luncheon December 13th, 130 responses had to turn away many people. Committee making phone calls to be sure all tickets / reservations utilized. RLI does not want guests before 11:30 AM on the day of the event. A proclamation will be presented to the RLI for 50 years of sponsoring this event for the seniors of Stockbridge.

Diane Sheridan left the meeting 9:39 AM

January to March Events. A January 18th speaker presentation with Leslie Klein, showcasing her poetry and on her pottery work. Followed by Jack with the Beatles A-to-Z performance. February event; looking into Naumkeag, Botanical Gardens or a succulent project. Music; Love Songs. And March, a St. Paddy's Day event.

Diane Sheridan returned to the meeting at 9:41 AM

Additional Activities; CM has not made contact yet with the Bridge players to

start the card group. The walking club will begin in January on Tuesday and Thursday at 10AM in the gym. A volunteer knitter to teach knitting. JG states that the activities are good for now and maybe no new ones should be added just yet. The Assessors Department willing to be a Wednesday speaker.

Communication Plan; Flyer for the November and December events worked very well. MC states worked well and should run with it. Will work on next flyer for January and February event, which will need to get out in the next two weeks. New website for Town on its way. JG said calendar for January will be ready for next week.

Operational Guide Updates; J. Gremler to send first draft out to Board members.
Tabled for January meeting.
OpenForum;N/A

10. New Business: N/A

11. Next Meeting; Wednesday January 11th @ 10 AM. To discuss at next meeting if the Board will keep the first or second Wednesday of the month as the regular board meeting. CM mentions that the Board should introduce themselves, as not everyone's name may be known. Christina McCarthy, Chairman; Jack Gremler, Diane Sheridan and Ron Muir.

12. Adjournment; A motion was made to adjourn @ 9:50 AM by D. Sheridan and it was seconded by R. Muir. All in favor 4-0

Respectfully submitted, Secretary of the Board