

**Meeting of the Northborough Council on Aging
August 10, 2021 5:15 Senior Center**

As the hub for all aspects of healthy aging, the mission of the Northborough Council on Aging/Senior Center is to enrich and enhance the lives of older adults.

Call to Order: A meeting of the Council on Aging of the Town of Northborough was called to order at 5:19 PM via Zoom by Adrienne Cost, Chair with the following also present and introduced:

Linda Cragin, Member
Jerry Anderson, Member
Muriel Swenor, Member
Lee Beavers, Member

Kerrie Martinek, Friends
Henry Squillante, Friends
Liz Tretiak, Director
Fran Bakstran, guest

The following COA members were not present: Virginia Simms George, Member, Phylis Muthee, Member, Joan Frank, School Committee Liaison

2. Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the July 2021 meeting were approved.

3. Friends Report

The car wash raised about \$800 with some people being very generous. The hi tea and art auction with the gift from the estate of Gigi Casella is planned for Oct. 2nd. Applefest is Sept. 17th, the Annual Meeting will be September 23rd and the Country Store Fair in November. An anonymous donor contributed \$2000.

4. Chair's (Director's) Report

Liz shared that the camera install for security reasons is in process, all new computers for staff are being installed and the new phone system should be up and going at the end of August. CPR/First Aid/AED training will be held for staff in August. A new contract from DPH is providing at RN to the center for three days a week - Liz and Jocelyn have a great list of things for her to work on (podiatry, vision and other clinics, balance and falls risk assessments, etc.). A van driver position is open with the resignation of one driver.

This is Liz's last meeting as she moves on to a new position. She was wished well and thanked for her service and efforts. Eileen Bogle will return as the interim and will overlap with Liz for a week. Liz was asked by the Board for a list of recommendations.

5. WRTA

As mentioned, one of the driver positions is vacant.

6. Bay Path

Jerry provided updates from Bay Path including how strong the agency is with solid financial controls and solid program planning. Food delivery and home care workforce issues are the current challenges.

7. Old/New Business and Community Awareness

Discussion continued about how to attract people to the booths at Applefest. Muriel, Jerry, and Henry will work with Adrienne as a subcommittee. September is Senior Center Month and Adrienne shared some info from NCOA.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.


Linda Cragin