

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 7/7/21 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA

Virtual Meeting was called to order at 1:02 by Patricia Desmond; Chair.

Members in attendance; Patricia Desmond; Chair, Nina Smith; Treasurer, Diane Durand; Recording Secretary, Charlie Corley, Janet Saluk, Ed Silveira and Janice Long; Director.

Members absent; John Gill; Vice Chair and Tony Monteiro

Guests; Kathleen Janssen and Justin Roshak; Community Advocate

Patricia Desmond asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. Charlie Corley asked that the August Board meeting be placed under New Business. A motion was made by Charlie Corley to accept the edited Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimous by roll call vote.

Patricia Desmond asked for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 6/2/21. A motion was made by Ed Silveira and seconded by Diane Durand to accept the minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous for approval.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Nina Smith. Nina reported the current balance of \$4,041.95. Janice Long mentioned that she had received the electric bill in the amount of \$1300. Charlie Corley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimous side of the building by roll call vote.

The **Director's Report** was presented by Janice Long.

- The sides of the Center facing the parking lot has been repainted and it looks great!
- After discussion, the Town Manager, Tom Gregory, has approved Janice's sending a contract for the All Purpose Room flooring to New Bedford Flooring. Hopefully, this will be presented and approved at upcoming Select Board meeting on July 12th so the work can be completed.
- The battery operated electrostatic sprayer arrived. The Center has obtained everything it needs to be self sufficient in cleansing the building daily. We do not have to share materials with the Library as previously discussed.
- The Friends have reconvened and are planning the Annual Cookout to be held at the Marlboro Fish and Game on 9/10 and hopefully the Fall Fair at the Center in November. Janice has discussed with the Town Manager about the deck project. Mr. Gregory would like to meet with members of the Friends to discuss this further.
- Social Services have been very busy. The staff received a couple of unique cases they had to assist.
- The Center continues to slowly, yet safely open. Daybreak has returned with fewer seniors attending although new attendees are signing up.

- The Pen Pal Program was a huge success thanks to Pam Porter who organized it along with the seniors and students participating.
- Bingo is back!
- Fathers' Day Brunch was well attended.
- Tom Gregory, the new Town Manager has met with the Senior Center staff and hopefully has begun a good working relationship.
- Janice has been busy attending the recent MCOA meetings. She mentioned that Kathleen Janssen is working with MCOA in developing training materials which would be helpful to new and existing Board members. Kathleen welcomes all suggestions.

A motion was made to accept the Director's Report by Ed Silveira and seconded by Nina Smith. The vote was unanimous by roll call vote.

Outreach Report; Janice reported that they have been very busy with 3 new cases. Also, due to staff vacations, the August Newsletter will be going out early.

Bus Driver's Report ; Janice noted that rider numbers are increasing and that the Board of Health has approved the Center now permitting all regular runs to occur.

Facilities Report; Diane questioned the condition of the seams on the outside ramp and its' safety for seniors. Janice will contact DPW for repairs.

Friends' Report; Janice noted that the Friends have met in July with 4/5 new members. They discussed the upcoming events.

Correspondence; Janice has received some Thank you notes.

New Business;

- Covid; Janice mentioned that some seniors are coming in with no masks.

- August meeting; Charlie Corley made a motion that due to the success of the Center opening, the August Board meeting be canceled. It was noted that if necessary, the Director can call an emergency meeting to present any issues that need immediate attention. The motion was seconded by Melissa Esteves and the vote was unanimous by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Charlie Corley to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Diane Durand and the vote was unanimous by roll call vote. The next meeting will be held on 9/1/21.