

Town of Hudson Council on Aging

Minutes for 11/3/21 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA

Virtual Meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Patricia Desmond; Chair.

Members in attendance; Patricia Desmond; Chair, John Gill; Vice Chair, Nina Smith; Treasurer, Diane Durand; Recording Secretary, Charlie Corley, Melissa Esteves, Tony Monteiro, Janet Saluk and Janice Long; Director.

Members absent; Ed Silveira

Guests; Kathy Janssen and Tom Green

Patricia Desmond asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. A motion was made by Charlie Corley to accept the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Nina Smith and the vote was unanimous by roll call vote.

Patricia Desmond asked for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 10/6/21. A motion was made by Nina Smith and seconded by Charlie Corley 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 the budget as \$27,731.23 and that not many bills had been received. Diane Durand made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Tony Monteiro and the vote was unanimous by roll call vote.

Janice introduced Mr. Tom Green to address the Board regarding a proposal to create a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee for Hudson. After hearing about this initiative, discussion ensued and it was suggested that after Select Board approval of such a committee, Janice offer a meeting with Mr. Green and interested seniors through the monthly newsletter for the purpose to entertain suggestions and concerns regarding the safety of community members.

The Director's Report;

- Janice mentioned that the painting of the Great Room was almost complete and the countertop around the sink area is being repaired
- The Friends are discussing the possibility of a Spring Fair next year.
- Janice has informed members that her letter of intent to the Cummings Foundation for \$100K to complete the deck project was accepted and she will be applying for the grant monies.
- Staff has been very busy with Open Enrollment.
- Janice noted that seniors are beginning to call for assistance with scheduling booster shots online.
- Alex O'Hare, social worker, has started working with seniors. She will be offering a "Holiday Blues" call program for those seniors experiencing sadness during the holiday season.
- Janice, Ana and Holly attended a program discussing how the pandemic has affected us.