

## **Town of Hudson Council on Aging**

### **Minutes for 5/11/22 COA Board Meeting, Hudson Senior Center, 29 Church St. Hudson MA**

Meeting was called to order at 1:01 by John Gill; Vice Chair.

**Members in attendance;** John Gill; Vice Chair, Diane Durand; Recording Secretary, Charlie Corley, Tony Monteiro, Ed Silveira, Janet Saluk, Melissa Esteves via Zoom and Janice Long; Director.

**Members absent;** Trisha Desmond and Nina Smith

**Guests;** Kathy Jansen

John asked for any additions to the **Agenda** presented. A motion was made by Ed Silveira to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved.

Trisha called for any corrections to the **Minutes** of 4/6/22. A motion was made by Tony Monteiro to accept the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Director, Janice Long in Nina's absence. She reported the budget matches the Town's reporting yet she cautions members of a forthcoming shortfall in the budget due to increased costs of heating, gas, etc.. Janice will discuss this anticipation with the Town. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Diane Durand, seconded by Melissa Esteves and the vote was unanimously approved.

#### **The Director's Report;**

- Janice spoke with Jeff Wood regarding the metal railings on the outside ramp which have rusted. He suggested having the railings scraped and recemented along with the stairs.
- Janice discussed the probability of the deck enclosure. After noting the increase of materials since the project was first initiated, Tony suggested Janice receive new quotes for the completion using Trex materials and wood to compare costs for further consideration. Town Manager, Tom Gregory discussed the possibility of Janice placing the monies needed for completion on an Article for Town Meeting to consider funding.
- Janice received a call from State Rep, Kate Hogan saying that she was able to secure \$150K rather than \$100K for the Friends deck project and Cummings called to notify her that the Senior Center was not being considered for the \$100K grant.
- Janice noted staff is experiencing a slight decrease in social services.
- Janice reported that the Friends plan on hosting their annual cookout at the Marlboro Fish and Game on July 15th.
- Janice thanked Board members for their support of her attendance at the Mass Council on Aging Conference. People were very interested in our "Well Being" program.

- Alex hosted a “Meet and Greet” to get to know seniors and inform them of her role.
- Janice thanked Tony for his assistance in working with the technology available to allow for a hybrid offering to our classes at the Center.
- Janice has hired someone to lead the Northborough and Marlboro Daybreak programs. This person, known to Lisa, is a college grad currently working at Marlboro hospital as a CNA and has dementia training.

A motion was made to accept the Director’s Report by Ed Silveira, seconded by Janet Saluk and was unanimously approved.

**Outreach Report;** Janice noted that the Social Team has been busy even though their numbers reflect a slight decrease in cases. They have had an increase in Medicare Health assistance.

-Janice reported that she, Holly and Ana all passed their recertification.

A motion was made to accept the Outreach Report by Tony Monteiro and seconded by Ed Silveira. The vote was unanimously approved.

**Bus Driver’s Report;** Janice mentioned that the rider numbers are slightly increased with shopping being very popular.

- Janice shared with members that Jack Veo had a close contact to someone with covid which prompted Janice to have Jack take time off. After speaking with the Health Dept, Janice was advised that unless a staff member is displaying covid symptoms they may come into work.

- Tony asked if drivers and riders are still wearing masks while on the bus and Janice confirmed it is required.

- Janice noted that she is still in need of a part time bus driver.

A motion was made to accept the Bus Driver’s Report by Diane Durand, seconded by Ed Silveira and the vote was unanimously approved.

**Facilities Report;** none

**Friends’ Report;** Nothing further than what was previously discussed in the Director’s Report.

**Correspondence;** none

**Old Business; Covid update** – Janice presented a chart from the Health Dept displaying recent case numbers continue to increase. There was some discussion regarding various treatment options available.

**New Business;** With elections next month, Ed made a motion to nominate the following persons as potential officers to the Board for the 2022-23 year;

Chair – Trisha Desmond, Vice Chair- John Gill, Treasurer – Nina Smith and Recording Secretary – Diane Durand.

The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimous. Diane will send out letters to Board members informing them of the upcoming elections in June.

- Tony questioned Janice regarding the status of the maximum number of persons allowed to attend an event being held at the Senior Center after hours of operation. Janice reassured members that the capacity of 20 is still in effect. Charlie made a motion to suspend any decision to change the number until the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed and the vote was unanimous.

**Adjournment;** Charlie made a motion to adjourn at 2:13. The motion was seconded by Janet Saluk and the vote was unanimously approved. The next meeting will be held on 6/1/22.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Durand