**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**

**Minutes, March 7,2022, 10:30 a.m.**

**Members Present**: Chair Nancy Butler, Inez Murphy, David Zeoli, Dottie Martel, Geri Cellini.

**Members Absent:** Cindy Bloomquist, Mary Lou White.

**Friends of COA Present:** Geri Cellini.

**Guests Present**: Jean Pacheco, Colleen Thompson, Tally Carruthers.

**1. Opening:** Chair Nancy Butler opened the meeting.

**2. Minutes: February** minutesapproved as written.

**3.Reports:**

A. Food Pantry served: 30 people and 12 households.

B. Warrants paid: February $527.29

C. Friends of COA reported that the bank balance is $5,445.48.

D. Dottie Martel had nothing to report on OCES.

E. Director’s report:

1. The Formula Grant contract will be signed soon.

2. Due to redistricting, Susan Moran is now our State Senator.

3. January and February activities were cancelled by the Board of Health due to Covid.

4.The fire department hosted the February Veteran’s Breakfast.

5. Movie attendees have been asked to select movie to be shown.

6. GATRA has terminated its relationship with the Executive Director. The former ED has returned as the interim director during the search process. Hopefully, Plympton’s GATRA program will star soon.

7. The COA budget has been submitted. Hopefully voters will approve making the administrative assistant a Town employee. Our Citizens for Citizens contract which supplies Jean to the COA expires in November.

**4.** **Updates and Discussions:**

A. A discussion of an annual fee of $5.00 for seniors to join will be shelved until we can entice people a new center.

B. Parents Day will be May 18th.Box lunch will be served. Dave and Marcia Burbank will be the entertainment. This event will be at the Town House.

C. A trip to the Blake Planetarium in Plymouth is planned for June 3rd. Cost to seniors will be $7.00. The use of the van will be discussed.

D. Sept/Oct. Autumn Day to be decided.

E. A tentative date of Dec 7th or 14th will be decided for the annual Christmas event. Tom and Sheila Monaghan’s (Mr. and Mrs. Claus) performance will be confirmed when the time and place are determined.

F. Chair Hip Hop dance exercise with Rhonda Drafts, provided by the a Cultural Council grant is in the process of securing date and time

G. Open space opportunities discussed included work to be done at the Cotton Mill Pond, senior access to Two Brooks preserve, and the possible Town purchase of Turkey Swamp.

H. The Annual report for Town meting was approved as written.

**5.** **Next Board Meeting**: April 11, 2022,10:30 a.m.

**6. Adjournment** 12:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini transcribed by COA staff.