**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**

**Minutes April 11 ,2022, 10:30 a.m.**

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

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

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

**Guests Present**: Jean Pacheco, Colleen Thompson, Tally Carruthers, John Traynor, Brenda Traynor, Linda Norrie.

**1. Opening:** Chair Nancy Butler was delayed . The meeting was opened by Colleen Thompson at

10:35

**2. Minutes: March** Minutesapproved as written.

**3. Reports:**

A. Administrative Assistant-Jean Pacheco

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

2. Warrants paid: March $717.47.

B. Friends of COA No report this month.

C. No OCES report.

D. Director’s report:

* 1. For personal reasons Mary Lou White will be resigning from the board.
  2. A well-earned thank you to Dave Zeoli and his wife Lynne for cooking our wonderful St. Patrick’s Day corned beef dinner. Fantastic job!
  3. A list of handypersons will be available through the COA office. The formula grant will pay $25.00 per person for safety related services.
  4. The Formula Grant 10 year contract has been signed.
  5. The proposed town budget includes funding for Jean to become a Town employee as the

clerk for the COA (aka COA administrative assistant). We can’t imagine not having Jean

continue with us.

* 1. GATRA: They are still ironing out issues. This may affect ride shares that are now offered.

E. John Traynor reported on BOS and Town information, including:

1. Final interviews for police chief are in process. There are four candidates, including, two Plympton officers.

2. Information regarding town articles were highlighted and discussed.

3. A photo of an old town hearse was shared. The hearse is currently stored in the old town barn but needs a proper storage area. Opportunities for the care and maintenance of this treasure were briefly discussed.

4. There is concern about the Main and Prospect streets traffic which are overwhelmed with trucks and speeding. Safety signs on select roads have been posted and there will be an. increased police presence for the month of April.

5. A ten minute discussion about the feasibility study for a proposed fire station will be presented at the library on April 16th by John Wilhelmsen. A lengthier meeting will be held in the Deborah Sampson room on the 23rd.

6 .The ramp outside the town house is complete. Landscaping and staining is in the works. ARPA funds will be used to install an automatic door.

7. The Carver project off Montello St. and how the proposed building will have a major impact on Plympton. We are looking forward to having our new state rep Susan Moran be an advocate for Plympton and its concerns during this project.

8. An interest in disposing compost or brush at the transfer station will be explored.

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

1. Colleen suggested there be a poetry contest and /or asking COA members to submit original short poems for newsletter.
2. Movie day is 4/14. I Can Only Imagine is the feature film.
3. Parents Day: A suggestion was made to have each person bring a photo of their parent or child and see who can match them up. This will be held May 18th in the Deborah Sampson room. A box lunch will be provided. With a choice of ham and cheese or chicken salad. Must respond by May 3rd. Entertainers Dave and Marcia Burbank will sing songs from the 40s-80s.
4. Chair Hip Hop Exercise with Rondae Drafts will be held in May.
5. A trip to the Blake Planetarium in Plymouth is planned for June 1st. Cost to seniors will be $7.00. Jean will do a robocall and it will be in May newsletter.
6. ”Ragtime” Jack Radcliffe will perform at the August cookout. Jean Pacheco and John Traynor will double team Mike from the Upland Club to secure a spot at the pavilion.
7. Linda Norrie and Brenda Traynor both expressed a desire for the Cardio-fit class to be held in the Upland Club pavilion for the summer.
8. A late September/early October Ice Cream and pie event was considered. Colleen will work on finding entertainment. Date to be decided.
9. Dec 7th Christmas / Holiday event. Lunch with Tom and Sheila Monaghan ( Mr and Mrs. Claus) will be served at noon. Entertainment is at 12:45. Venue may be the Upland Club or the church.

**5.** **Next Board Meeting**: May 9, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

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

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini transcribed by COA staff.