**COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD**

**Minutes February 13, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Chair Nancy Butler, Cindy Bloomquist, Geri Cellini, Dottie Martel**,**Inez Murphy,   
**Members Absent:** none

**Friends of COA Present:** Geri Cellini, Cindy Bloomquist, Helen Reynolds

**Guests:** John Traynor, David Batchelder, Ann Reese

**Staff Present:**  Director Colleen Thompson

**1. OPENING:** Chair Nancy Butler opened the meeting at 10:35

**2. MINUTES:** January minutesapproved as written.

**3. REPORTS:**

1. COA Reports for January – prepared by Jean Pacheco, read by Colleen Thompson.
   1. Warrants: $1,345.43
   2. Pantry served 33 people, 19 households
2. Friends of COA: Helen Reynolds reported a bank balance of $5,994.62.
3. OCES Report: Dottie Martel - The Brockton meetings for OCES are still being conducted via Zoom. According to Dottie, volunteers are needed at the OCES office to help clients with applications for services.
4. Director’s Report: Colleen Thompson
   1. No further information regarding GATRA services at this time.
   2. Our driver Jim Mustacaros will be out from Feb 15th through March 5th. Jackie Freitas will be available to fill in.
   3. Trevor Lloyd-Evans from the Manomet bird sanctuary presented a lively, informative talk at the Town House on Feb 3rd. He brought with him bird samples and literature. He patiently answered questions from the huge crowd that attended. The Friends group graciously provided snacks for the event. Colleen presented the idea of visiting the sanctuary in the near future.
   4. The COA budget has been submitted to the Town Administrator and FinCom. Employees are expected to get a 3% COLA. The requested COA budget includes a ±4% increase for overall expenses including postage and printing. The town budget will be voted on at town meeting in May.
5. Board of Selectmen Report: John Traynor
   1. The new PAYT trash program talk will be hosted by the town the first week in March.
   2. Budget concerns were raised concerning the furnace at the old Town House
   3. The Historical society will be meeting in March. The plan put forward is to digitize the vast historical collection including artifacts collated at the library.
   4. Still no takers for the abandoned project in Carver.
   5. SLT Is seeking town permission to remove sand and gravel with the intent to construct warehouses. A Zoom meeting will be held on Feb 27th @ 5:45.
   6. The state has mandated live town meetings by March 30th. Area 58 will Broadcast on ch. 19.
   7. The bridge on route 58 over the Winnetuxet River will be rededicated as the Hugh Ward Ferguson bridge.
   8. The Harry Jason Park (dedicated to Bob Holt) may be used by PAYS for soccer training.

**4.** **UPDATES AND DISCUSSION:**

A. Scheduled Events:

1. On March 29th we will be hosting a soup and sandwich meal at the church with entertainment by Bill Alberti.
2. Clean up your room day in May, entertainment by Steve Lanzilotto
3. A cookout at the Upland Club in August with Aidan Keene music
4. October 4th pie day with wear something gaudy day with music by the Burbanks.
5. A holiday lunch with the Halifax Sr. Singers in December with Bring Something for the Pantry. (December 6?)
6. Dottie Martel presented the list of bus Travelers’ trips as follows:

* May 10th Spirit of Boston which includes food and entertainment. Bus leaves from Halifax mobile homes @ 10a.m. Reservations must be made by April 30th. Price for this event is $139.00 pp.
* June 20th Whites of Westport which includes transport, a buffet and a stop at Christmas Tree Shop. Bus leaves from Halifax mobile homes @ 9:45 a.m. Cost is $90 pp.
* Turkey train to Meredith, N.H. A turkey meal with all the trimmings will be served on the train. There will be a stop at the Moulton Farms. Bus will leave from Halifax mobile homes @ 8:30 a.m. The cost is $117.00 pp.
* She was asked to consider a Whale Watch trip

1. Other possible events or activities:
2. visit to Hornstra Farms.
3. Manomet Bird Sanctuary
4. **OTHER:**
5. Thanks to Ann Reese for suggesting using the Culinary Arts at Silver Lake for any of our events.
6. Raves to the Fire Station for providing help to the Chandler’s in setting up a bed, and for assisting Dottie Martel. Inez Murphy raved about the police department when they helped with car. They brought her and the groceries back to her house!
7. Next meeting scheduled for March 13, 2023 @ 10:30
8. Meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Minutes taken by Geri Cellini, transcribed by COA staff.