

PLYMPTON COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting minutes 11/9/2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the PLYMPTON COUNCIL ON AGING was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by way of Zoom by Acting Director John Traynor

Present Board Members: Nancy Butler Chairperson, Marylou White, Dottie Martel, Jacki Freitas, John Mustacaros, Jean Pacheco Non-board Members: David and Lynn Zeoli and Capt. John Sjostedt

Old Business:

Director of Council on Aging search continues. We have one applicant from Carver, but we would prefer someone from Plympton. John, Nancy and Liz Dennehy will interview this candidate next Monday. A candidate should consider this position as a volunteer position with a stipend of \$7,793.00 per year.

COA Outreach Worker: We are still looking for someone to fill this position. This position is paid through the Formula One Grant.

Handi-Person Program is available to Plympton residents. Contact Jean for information.

Handi-person is reimbursed up to \$28.00 and Plowing is reimbursed up to \$25.00.

Work Off Program needs some update on the Town website. Some of the information is outdated. We should try to make it more user friendly

Meals on Wheels is going well. Maria from Halifax will be working out of Plympton for a short time while the Halifax building undergoes some repairs.

Brown Bag Program: Jim goes to Brockton to pick up the Brown Bags. David Zeoli has volunteered to go with Jim next week.

Food Pantry: the Board of Health has placed restrictions on how to handle the food pantry. Only one person plus Jean are allowed in the kitchen at a time and only Jean can pick up the food. The hours are Mon – Thurs 10:00 to 1:00. Carver has the Shane food pantry and is available to Plympton residents. Halifax also has a food pantry at the Congregational Church and is open to Plympton residents on Tuesdays from 1:00 – 4:00.

Chair Lift: Nancy reported the Town Properties Committee is working with the BETA Group Consultants, they recommend we install a ramp instead a lift. We expect to have their recommendations by the first of December.

Volunteer Drivers: David Zeoli has volunteered to be a driver. He will work out the schedule with Jim and Jean.

Fuel Assistance Program: Contact Jean, she will help with application.

Newsletter Contest: There have been no suggestions as of this date. Let's think of a way to get people enthused about this contest.

New business

Fire Safety Grant: Capt. John Sjostedt spoke about a grant the Fire Dept. has received. This grant is to be used to inform residents about fire safety. Any program we think of that will help our seniors they will help us. One suggestion was to offer free to seniors the green house number signs. This information will go into the newsletter.

Hazard Mitigation Survey: The State is asking each town to participate in a statewide survey. This survey will help the State determine what natural hazards occur in Plympton. This survey will go into the newsletter

COA Website: Lynn Zeoli suggested her daughter may be able to help update our website, this is her expertise. John will contact her.

Minutes from 10/26/2020, John made a motion to accept the minutes and Mary Lou seconded the motion. 3 accepted 2 abstained. Motion approved. Next meeting 11/23/2020 @ 1:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy at 2:08 P.M.

Nancy Butler Sec. ProTem

Approved John Traynor