

SENIOR CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – DEC. 14, 2023

*Present: Doug Field, Mary Mosley, Janice Wright (Ashfield); Ellen Eller, Janice Fleuriel (Buckland); Suzanne E. Bishop, Sylvia Smith, Penny Spearance (Shelburne); Director Juli Moreno.
Absent: Nancy Brewer, David Collins, Joanne Soroka, Wayne Wickland.*

Vice Chair Janice Wright called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Doug Field moved to accept the November 2023 minutes as written; Mary Mosley seconded the motion, which carried with two abstentions.

Treasurer Sue Bishop reported that expenses have been routine with a slight increase due to staff training, dues and subscriptions; nothing significant.

Juli's printed Director's Report highlighted networking, such as a partnership with the YMCA for a free 16-week Enhanced Fitness Class at Cowell Gym and work with the Rec Committee to discuss potential Spring programming. She reported receiving \$7800 as a Caregiver Respite Grant as well as over \$7000 through an Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) grant for hybrid programming. A new group called "Peer Support, Never Alone" is being formed to bring people together, and the Center will offer computer classes on site and in homes starting in January. The Report listed numerous ongoing activities and such special events as Senior Learning Network (SLN) programs. It also noted that the Transportation Department provided 77 Med Rides, 108 Shopping and 24 other rides.

Sylvia Smith, Shelburne's representative to the District's Board of Managers (BOM) said she would like to get that Board going as soon as each town has appointed at least one rep. She suggested holding an organizational meeting in January and inviting "maybes" as well as those already appointed representatives.

Doug Field reported that 20 people attended the Ashfield COA's Christmas dinner.

Janice Fleuriel reported on Buckland's Conversation Café at which a small group of attendees took part in an enthusiastic conversation led by FRCOG's Rachel Stoler. It was also mentioned that Buckland officials had an Open Meeting Law training session for all committees.

In Nancy Brewer's absence, Juli reported that the Senior Center Foundation (SCF) has released its appeal letter, the only major appeal they will make this year.

Discussion followed about COA training; the EOEA provided a guidebook some years ago and it was agreed that we need to make it available again.

Penny Spearance moved to adjourn the meeting; Sue Bishop seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Eller



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