

SENIOR CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – APRIL 13, 2023

Present: Doug Field, Franklin Wayne Wickland, Mary Mosley, Janice Wright (Ashfield); Ellen Eller, Janice Fleuriel, Joanne Soroka (Buckland); Suzanne E. Bishop, Nancy E. Brewer (Shelburne); Director Juli Moreno.

Chair Nancy Brewer called the meeting to order at 2:59.

Joanne Soroka moved to accept the March 2023 minutes as submitted. Janice Wright seconded the motion, which passed with two abstentions.

Treasurer Suzanne Bishop reported that expenses are “right where they should be.”

In her Director’s report, Juli Moreno said our Center will partner with community organizations, such as the Shelburne Historical Society and the Open Space Committee, for events and specialized programming; we will host a Lifepath Caregiver Grant opportunity for all Franklin County; we are adding four pages and some color to the SeniorWise newsletter; and we will officially open the Center with a Roger Tincknell concert at the end of May.

Juli said Outreach Coordinator Teddy Doucette is taking SHINE training twice a week for two months, in addition to handling such regular tasks as providing supportive counseling and co-facilitating the Caregivers Support Group and Memory Cafes. Programming Coordinator Dot Lyman has added Birding to the list of fitness/health, social, educational and expressive activities seniors can enjoy at the Center. Transportation Coordinator Bob Szafran reported that the FRTA vans traveled 2,674 miles transporting 220 riders in March.

Doug Field reported that Ashfield received an anonymous donation...a case of chicken for Easter dinner. The COA is looking for a site in town that can serve as a satellite center.

There was no Senior Center Foundation (SCF) meeting and therefore no report. SCF board member Sylvia Orcutt will be their liaison with our board, attending quarterly.

There was discussion about re-launching the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program in our three towns. Each COA will try to find residents willing to make phone calls and/or visits and bring a list to our next meeting so we can give the information to Teddy. Volunteers who make home visits will be CORI checked by Juli or Teddy.

New Business: We will have a Senior Center Picnic on August 17 at the Buckland Recreation Area. (There was no Old Business.)

Nancy Brewer and the Board welcomed Wayne Wickland back to the table.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. Next meeting: Thursday, May 11, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Eller

Approved - 5/10/2023