

SENIOR CENTER MINUTES APRIL 14, 2022

Present: Doug Field (Ashfield), Franklin Wickland (Ashfield), Ann Yuryan (Ashfield), Janice Wright (Ashfield), Nancy Brewer (Shelburne), Penny Spearance (Shelburne), Sylvia Smith (Shelburne), Joanne Soroka (Buckland)

Chair Doug Field called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Sylvia Smith moved to accept the minutes with corrections, Nancy Brewer seconded and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

Doug Field introduced Julie Moreno, the new director of the Center.

Treasurer Suzanne Bishop was not present so there was no Treasurer's report.

Julie Moreno presented the directors report. There was a discussion about the format of the report, and the thoughts about the center going forward, including reports of out of town usage numbers. These numbers will be included in the future.

The men's group continues to be a success.

Expansion committee Chair Sylvia Smith made a motion for language to read:

Motion to accept the recommendation of the March 10, 2022 Expansion Committee meeting "West County Senior Services District" legislative language for annual town meeting and vote to recommend the same language for annual town meeting warrants.

Seconded by Penny Spearance, accepted unanimously.

Forums are in progress and going well. Discussion about forums, the layout, and how to reach those who may have missed the mailing.

Dates and times are well posted.

Discussion about 3 fold brochures and how to distribute them. There is a deadline of Jan 1, 2023 in the legislature before the session ends to get the legislation done.

Natalie Blaise and Adam Hinds are aware and we all hope to get this accomplished before that end..

Doug Field- Ashfield COA-forum was positive.

Residents in Ashfield with Goshen and Williamsburg addresses don't receive mailings.

Addresses will be added in future mailings.

First Congregational church will be opening with Covid cautions, and will be having their first lunch May 5.

They are hoping to hold the summer picnic on the lake.

Joanne Soroka- Buckland COA- Buckland forum was well received.

Sylvia Smith and Penny Spearance met with the Shelburne finance committee and thought it was helpful.

Old Business:

Discussion about the C.O.L increases in the different towns and categories. There were some changes.

Wayne Wickland made a motion to accept the budget as changed, Penny Spearance seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Julie Moreno Director presented her ideas/goals for the center and her familiarization in general, including getting to know people and establishing relationships.

She is interested in:

Marketing/Fundraising.

Looking into grants.

Helping navigate through Covid safely.

Grow Veterans services.

Julie will be working closely with Gloria to familiarize herself with all things Senior Center related..

Doug Field asks for any other questions.

Short discussion about interviews for Leann's replacement.

Some good potentials.

Doug asks about the Foundation,They are quiet at the moment. Spring appeal is coming up. There has been an uptick in donations.

Penny Spearance makes motion to adjourn, Nancy Brewer seconds.

Meeting is adjourned.

Next meeting is at Thursday May 12, 2022 #:00 PM at the Buckland Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted Joanne Soroka, .(standing in for Ellen Eller.)