

## Williamsburg Senior Center Advisory Board

**Minutes of the Meeting:** August 19, 2020. The meeting was held on Zoom.

**Present:** Jacqueline Dufresne, Daria D'Arienzo, Margaret Ricci, Maureen O'Brien, Dean Acheson, Gerry Mann, Staff: Tryna Hope, Sherry Loomis; Senior Center Director Melissa Wilson. Quorum was met.

**The meeting was called to order at 12: 22 p.m.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2020 were accepted as amended.

### **Director's Report:**

- Melissa met with Selectboard on August 13 and reviewed Senior Center Services:
- Brown bag lunches, Highland Valley Meals, Take and Eat on weekends. Farmshare Program.
- New Zoom basic cardio class started with Joan Griswold, dance and yoga classes continue
- SNAP: Tryna and Melissa are trained; 10 people have applied. Director and Staff want to talk it up, as the process is simpler than previously. Seniors can apply on line.
- Melissa has been meeting with local senior center groups. None is opening. Most are closed to spring. Some have distance-visiting programs. Senior Center wants to survey seniors to see who might be interested (and advertise in the newsletter?). It would cast a wider net than current weekly check-in calls, perhaps involving people living further out of the center. It will require more volunteers.
- Sr. Center will commence SHINE appointments one- to- one. Contact is challenging over the phone. Melissa has ordered necessary plexiglass and sanitizers.

### **Staff Input:**

- Sherry reports that the September newsletter has gone to print, she continues to update mailing list, and the Town has simplified accounting issues.
- The Senior Center is restarting a monthly small, active **Caregivers' meeting** on the first and third Thursdays via Zoom.
- Tryna reported on **Foot Care**: all but one senior's foot care needs have been met.

Foot nurse Piper is seeing patients in the Hadley Senior Center for \$45. She will see people in their homes for \$80.

Dr. Coby has opened a satellite office in Florence. Information is in the newsletter. All but one Senior Center participant has found care.

### **Grants:**

- Amounts for the 2021 **Formula and Highland Valley Grant (HV)** are not yet available.

**Triad** has not been meeting. Melissa contacted Larry West, who is the Chair, for information. **October is Senior Safety and Fall Prevention month.** The Fire Department in the past has worked with vulnerable seniors to check their smoke detectors and identify trip hazards, and/or set up a key box. It's coordinated through the Williamsburg Fire Department. Seniors can contact the Williamsburg Fire Department directly to get access to the mentioned services.

### **Old Business:**

**Letter Writing Project:** Daria & Maureen sent out notes of greeting to seniors, and have received thanks and other positive feedback. Dean Acheson has agreed to take the list of seniors and continue the practice.

Margaret Ricci's **questions about communications were addressed.**

- Senior Center will no longer use copy written material
- Staff and director all have a hand in providing Williamsburg content of the newsletter to Kristin Estelle who edits the regional content. Questions about content have been directed to the staff of the Senior Center.

### **New Business:**

**Dean Acheson addressed two concerns for Williamsburg Seniors,** and he asks for a reminder in the newsletter.

- The 2020 Census will affect funding for many programs upon which the Senior Center is dependent.
- 2020 elections will need volunteers for verification of increased number of paper ballots due to the pandemic. How can the board help Brenda Lessard?

Motion to **thank the staff and volunteers who make the Farmshare Program** possible. Seconded.

Maureen will report the timing of the last C.O.A. Board elections.

**Next C.O.A. Board meeting** will be held on Weds. September 16, 2020 via Zoom at 12:15p.m.

**Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Adjournment at 1: 20 p.m.**