Williamsburg Senior Center Advisory Board

Minutes of the Meeting: February 19, 2020

Present: Daria D'Arienzo, Gerry Mann, Jacqueline Dufresne, Margaret Ricci, Maureen O'Brien, Sherry Loomis. Guest: Deb Hollingworth. Quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 p.m.

Minutes of previous minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of January 15, 2020, were accepted as amended.

Outreach: Sherry Loomis reported that everything is humming along in the Senior Center.

- The February "Living Well" column by Deb Hollingworth outlines **new** guidelines for Mass Health Senior Buy-In.
- There were thirty-two deliveries for the **Take and Eat Program** this week, according to Daria D'Arienzo.

Old Business: Director of Senior Center Search Update: Melissa Wilson will be starting on March 2 as the new Senior Center Director.

New Business:

• Sherry Loomis asked for ideas about how to encourage more people to come to events at the Senior Center beyond the regular publicity in the monthly "Living Well" newsletter. Suggestions included offering free refreshments, pairing with the Meekins library site, posting on Facebook site All Things Williamsburg, or connecting with Linda Manor and the Anne T. Dunphy School.

Daria D'Arienzo, also a member of the **Town's Elder Trust**, raised the concern of elders affording fresh produce in the winter, and hopes the Elder Trust will consider allocating funds to the COA to support access to fresh fruit and produce for seniors as needed."

- In order to effect this proposal, a current vacancy must be filled. She read the requirements for becoming a new trustee, and Gerry Mann was elected.
- The Board voted to accept a letter from Nancy Winninger, who wishes to step back from full C.O.A. Board Member to becoming an Associate Member. The Board thanks her for her service with the Council on Aging and as Treasurer of the Board. The motion was seconded. Jacqueline will send a copy to Charlene Nardi and file it in the Board's book of minutes. Note: C.O.A. Board needs a new full member.

Next C.O.A. Board meeting will be held on Weds., March 18th at the Senior Center at 12:15p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Adjournment at 12:46 p.m.