

Williamsburg Senior Center Advisory Board

Minutes of the Meeting: June 17, 2020. The meeting was held on Zoom.

Present: Daria D'Arienzo, Jacqueline Dufresne, Margaret Ricci, Maureen O'Brien, Dean Acheson, Gerry Mann, and Melissa Wilson, Director. Technical Assistance: Charlene Nardi, Town Administrator. Quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 2020 were accepted as amended.

Outreach: Director Melissa Wilson reports two group activities are happening at the Senior Center, because in the Massachusetts' Covid-19 Reopening Plan, Phase 2, open spaces can be utilized. This includes a dance group and Tai Chi, each of which meets outside. Food programs, including Take and Eat, Highland Valley meals (M-F), and Brown Bag are in progress with distancing and masks, and Farm Share begins on June 23rd. Staff is working to assist with increased SNAP applications because food prices are rising. The Men's Breakfast Club will meet June 18 using social distancing, and they will meet via Zoom going forward.

Grants:

Highland Valley Grant (HV) for \$3500 has been awarded to purchase two laptops. They will be used to create two workstations for staff to use to spread out in the dining room.

Old Business:

Staff: Melissa has regular conferences and a weekly meeting with staff. They are still mostly working from home, but also occasionally at the Center on a staggered schedule. She is in the office Monday through Thursday 8:30a.m. - 1p.m.

Update on Triad Information: Triad is a Senior Center partnership with Williamsburg Police and Fire departments. It's not active during the pandemic, but in the past they've been involved with the sand delivery program for seniors in the winter and a Lock Box emergency program.

New Business:

- Daria proposed the Board offer thanks to Melissa and asked her to pass them along again to staff. People appreciate the weekly calls, food and deliveries as a symbol of community.
- Dean asked about perceived needs. Melissa said that seniors are missing the Center's socialization, but the weekly staff phone calls help. There are 85 calls to seniors on a weekly basis. Daria suggests a letter writing campaign. The Board should divide up the list and send out notes and letters. Melissa will work with staff to identify a list of seniors who might appreciate more contact.

Next C.O.A. Board meeting will be held on Weds. July15th via Zoom at 12:15p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Adjournment at 1:02 p.m.