**Council on Aging of Williamsburg and Haydenville**

**Minutes of the Meeting of July 20, 2022**

**Present:** Daria D'Arienzo, Dianne Martin, Maureen O'Brien, Pat Billingsley, Senior Center Director: Melissa Wilson. Quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept Minutes of the Meeting of June 15, 2022. (Seconded).

**Director's Report:**

* An Ice Cream Social will be held outside (weather permitting) on July 29th. Dianne Martin and Bethany Ouimet will provide music. Registration is required. Volunteers are welcomed.
* A Multigenerational Event will be held on Friday August12, 2022. The Senior Center is working with Faith Everett of 4H and Shannon Wade of the Grange. Judy Press will bring mini rabbits for a presentation. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and a catered lunch will be served. Registration is necessary.
* An RSVP Program, Healthy Bones & Balance lead by Mary Bisbee starts officially on Thursday, July 21, 2022 from 9:30-10:30am Research has shown the program has had good results.
* C.O.A. Board members must take a Conflict of Interest online training session every two years. Advice was given to check with Brenda Lessard, Town Clerk, to see if an individual member is required.
* Online Yoga classes have been running since Covid, through the generosity of Michelle Morales, the instructor. Since it has been an informal and free class, attendance has not been taken; therefore the class numbers cannot be reported to the EOEA as among the Senior Center's services. A notice in the *Living Well* newsletter will survey further interest in an in-person or hybrid Yoga class, and the results will be shared with Michelle.
* Staff Retirement: Tryna Hope will retire at the end of September, and the Director will advertise for a part time position as Senior Center Transportation/Intake Coordinator.

**Old Business:**

* Gerry Mann has resigned the position of delegate to Highland Valley Board. Maureen O'Brien agreed to join their organization on behalf of the Williamsburg Council on Aging Board in the fall.

**New Business:**

* Pat Billingsley and others appreciated the LGBTQ+ training. Discussion about providing a community screening of a recommended film *Gen Silent*, about difficulties surrounding aging and health care in the LGBTQ+ community, perhaps in collaboration with Meekins Library, followed.
* The Board offered thanks to the Senior Center Director and Staff who continue to find creative ways to foster community among seniors.

**The next C.O.A. Board meeting** **will be held on Weds. September 21, 2022 in the Senior Center tent at the Town Hall in Haydenville**.

**Motion to adjourn**. (Seconded). The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.