**Council on Aging of Williamsburg and Haydenville**

**Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2023**

**Present:** Pat Billingsley, Mary Bisbee, Daria D'Arienzo, Linda Gibbon, Dianne Martin, Maureen O'Brien. Director Melissa Wilson. Staff Members Joy Moore, Carole Hendricks; Guest Toni Boughton. Quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept Minutes of the Meeting of April 19, 2023. (Seconded).

**Director's Report:**

* **Grants:**
* The Senior Center budget has been submitted to the Town including a $2 raise for Staff. They are currently part-time employees without benefits, and their skills and experience are not fully reflected in their compensation**.**
* Highland Valley Elder Services (HVES) The 2- year cycle grant is due in May.
* The Senior Center is waiting for the Commonwealth Formula Grant to be announced**.**
* The PVTA transit grant has been renewed**.**
* **Programs & Events**
	+ April 26th: Open House and Volunteer Recognition:
		- The Senior Center will hold an open house for the refurbished Senior Community Room on April 26 at 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
		- Volunteer recognition will be part of the event
		- Attendees will first be greeted and directed upstairs to see programs in progress
		- Refreshments will be served, and gift baskets prepared by staff members and volunteers will be available as thanks to volunteers.
	+ Davis Bates, musician and storyteller, will appear at the Senior Center on May 10 at 12:15.
	+ An Elder Law program is scheduled for May 17 at 3 p.m. Reservations are requested.
	+ An ice cream social is planned for Friday, July 7 at 1 p.m.
	+ A multigenerational event featuring therapy dogs is planned for Friday, August 11 at 10 a.m. followed by lunch.
	+ September is the target for a Triad Health presentation.
	+ Tech help at Meekins is scheduled for the first Tuesday in May (May 2nd) and the first Tuesday in June (June 6).

**Old Business:** Discussion continued about providing a community screening of a recommended film, *Gen Silent*.

* The film is confirmed available to show for free through *Kanopy*, and the principal of the Anne T. Dunphy School has given permission to use the auditorium
* Late October Saturday dates were suggested, and availability of the school auditorium and Peg Whelan as moderator will be researched.

**Afternoon Social Activities**: Mary Bisbee made a first daytime presentation on Williamsburg local history before the congregate meal on Weds. April 19. Three people attended and enjoyed it, and the program will continue. Suggestions for publicity around the event included placing flyers at the library and using local social networks.

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

**The next meeting** of the Williamsburg-Haydenville Council on Aging Boardwill beheld at **12:15 on Weds. May 17, 2023 at the Town Offices in Haydenville, MA.** Dianne Martin will be away. Maureen O'Brien will post the agenda, and Daria D'Arienzo will chair the meeting**.**