**Council on Aging of Williamsburg and Haydenville**

**Minutes of the Meeting of December 21, 2022**

**Present:** Pat Billingsley, Mary Bisbee, Daria D'Arienzo, Dianne Martin, Maureen O'Brien, 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 November 16, 2022. (Seconded).

**Director's Report:**

* **Grants**:
* **Highland Valley Elder Services** (HVES) grants are awarded in a 2\_year cycle. The Williamsburg C.O.A. will put in a bid in February.
* **The American Rescue Plan (ARPA)** provided funding for a new freezer, wall oven, and other equipment the community room. The Senior Center is currently going through the process of installation and de-accessioning, and looking for a new home for the old freezer.
* **SIG Grant**: The survey created regarding digital needs of seniors (60+) in the seven hilltowns of the Northern Hilltowns Consortium will be mailed to 2500 households.
* **Programs**
  + Members enjoyed Monday, December 12, 2022 Program with Roger Tincknell , Hampshire #1 Representative Lindsay Sabadosa and Senator-elect Paul Mark .
  + The Director and Staff are working on a September open house event combining volunteer recognition and a presentation by TRIAD on safety for seniors.

**Old Business:** Discussion continued about providing a community screening of a recommended film *Gen Silent*. The C.O.A. Board will discuss planning details (location, date, collaborations, promotion, etc.) at monthly meetings, and will assign tasks for action and reporting as needed.

**New Business:** Discussion of possible afternoon social activities:

* Mary Bisbee presented two options: Geneaology Searching and Williamsburg History/Stories.
* Questions were raised about possibly collaborating with local cosponsors and the need for an afternoon contact person.
* Mary Bisbee decided to begin with the story sessions, and an article in the January *Living Well* will provide her contact information so she can assess interest.
* Details will be nailed down at the January 18, 2023 meeting.

**The next meeting of the Williamsburg-Haydenville Council on Aging Board will be held at 12:15 on Weds. January 18, 2023 at the Town Offices in Haydenville, MA.**

**Motion to adjourn**. (Seconded). The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.