



TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
Council on Aging Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Barbara Birt; Tina Bhatia; Taryn Light; Bill Litant; Karen Whitcomb; Kim Dee, COA Coordinator; Maria Neyland, FinCom Liaison

Absent: Anne Canfield & Barbara Wheeler

Meeting Date: June 9, 2022

Meeting called to order by COA Chair, Bill Litant @ 3:08 pm

1. May minutes approved as written.
2. Buzz updated
 - The next meeting date has not yet been decided. It will be the end of June or the beginning of July. The next Buzz will be a combined August/September issue.
3. Grant report
 - Mindful Meditation will be starting up again in September. No start date at this time.
4. Report from Planning Board Liaison
 - The 2 articles from the town meeting were both approved.
 - We have a new Town Planner, Tracy Murphy with an increased salary.
5. Report from COA Coordinator
 - "Go Boxborough" is running smoothly. All riders have been most appreciative. A last-minute need was successfully coordinated. A reminder that trips into Boston have to be before 2:30 pm.
 - The Senior Luncheon was delicious but attendance was down. Thirty-five had signed up but only 25 attended. Is lack of entertainment a factor?
 - Herb garden workshop took place. We had 8 signed up with only 4 attending this event.
 - Charlie Card sign-up is at 25. It was noted that parking at South Acton station is 6 dollars for the day (\$6.15 if you use a charge card).
 - On July 13th we will have a 'Grab & Go' ice cream event sponsored by Arranto Bio.
 - Fitness classes will be running through the summer months with 2 in person and 2 on zoom. Mat Yoga continues to be offered in-person and Chair Yoga continues to be offered in person and on Zoom (hybrid). Tai Chi is off for the summer months.
6. Report from COA Chair
 - It was noted at the Personnel Board meeting that the responsibilities and pay scale are not in sync for the Community Service Coordinator.
7. Report from FinCom Liaison
 - All current members on FinCom are staying. They will be voting on board positions and working on goals at July's meeting.

- Jared Aponte is very effective as our new Tax Collector.
- It is noted that we do not have a full-time, on-site Town Accountant and one is greatly needed. The Select Board needs to be urged to rectify this situation as soon as possible.
- Maria recommends looking into Farm Share starting in January 2023. Should we plan on securing 20-25 spots for Boxborough? The cost is \$15 per space per week for roughly 12 weeks. Maria has graciously said she would pick up the produce and bring it to the town hall for distribution. Possible help from FCOA if some deliveries need to be made directly to people's homes.

8. Other Business

- Where are people hearing about the Charlie Card event?
- Taryn Light's and Barbara Wheeler's COA terms expire at the end of this month. They have decided not to be reappointed.
- The COA lease for the Boxborough Community Center will be up in June 2023. The Town Administrator is talking about finding an alternative location and moving the COA out of the town hall. Bill will reach out to get clarification on this issue.

Date of next meeting: Thursday, July 14 th @ 2 pm

Adjourned: 4:07 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Whitcomb, COA Secretary