



Town of Hingham
Council on Aging Board
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
1:00 PM
Remotely via Zoom
Dial-in number: 929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 848 4988 4329
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Attending:

David Alschuler, Chair
Joe Nevins, Vice Chair
Ethel Franks
Cindy King-Frode
Karen Johnson
Joe Millburg
Joshua Ross
Jean Silverio
Sara Smithson
Jennifer Young, CES Director
Liz MacVarish, Minutes Transcriber

Not Attending:

Christine Conley

Guests:

Beth Rouleau, Sr. Ctr. Building Committee
Eileen McCracken

1. Call to order – Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm by David, a quorum being present. Agreement that meeting will be recorded.

2. Remarks - Chair and Vice Chair - David has been in touch with Bill Ramsey, Chair of the Selectboard and Tom Mayo and they will be visiting the Scituate Senior Center on March 3rd. The Selectboard are presenting Article X this evening at their meeting which discusses splitting \$525,000 into two different feasibility studies. One would remove the language about building new center in existing building. Josh suggested changing 'building' to property owned by the Town or Town-owned building. Selectboard meeting is tonight at 6 pm. This is Article 6 on their agenda.

3. Approval of December 13th, 2022 and January 10, 2023 Minutes - Cindy would like her name entered as King-Frode as King was inadvertently left off and Christine Conley's name was omitted from last meeting. Minutes were accepted.

4. Directors Report - Valentines Party was held today and very well attended. Harbor Media created a 5 minute video on Sr. Ctr. which was well received. Blood drive was held on the 24th and planning another one in May. Pound class has started and also well received. Looking into expanding program. Josh participated in yesterday's talk. There is no room to renew the tax advisory services offered in the past. Looking for a space to run it in Town Hall, but it will require a room to be locked for 3 months, Jennifer would like a QR code created for people to make donations. Josh volunteered to help create QR code.

5. Committee Updates

a. Marketing & Rebranding- Joe Nevins - Committee has been working 1 1/2 years to find a way to attract more people to center and make people in Town more aware of resources offered. A consultant was hired and worked with Jennifer, Karen, Sara, Jay Guiles and Eileen McCracken. Name for new center was narrowed down to 1) Center for Active Living and 2) Center for Living Well. The tag line "Where Adults Connect, Discover and Grow" was also suggested. A vote was taken after discussion and votes were as follows: Center for Active Living received 6 votes (David, Joe M., Josh, Sara, Karen and Jean); Center for Living Well received 3 votes (Ethel, Cindy and Joe N). The tagline was voted and passed unanimously (8 votes with Ethel not participating) and Jennifer suggested taking off "Where Adults" and just having, "Connect, Discover and Grow".

b. Friends Study Committee- Cindy King-Frode - David and Cindy have spoken to one resident and will be feeling out others who might be interested in becoming a Friend and see other programs the area. Cindy is going with one or 2 residents to Scituate and Duxbury Senior Centers.

c. Senior Center Building Committee- Jean Silverio - Meeting with the Selectboard tonight is a step in the right direction. The meeting will be at 6 pm on Zoom.

6. Volunteer Program

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April - Luncheon is all set for April 11th, Tuesday. There will be a musician, caterer and gifts. Joe Millburg is the recipient of the 2022 Earl Dare Mable Award. Everyone agreed it is well deserved.

7. South Shore Elder Services Update - Many programs are available. Two that may be of interest are: A money management program for people who need help and, a family caregiving program that offers help to caregivers.

8. Accessory Dwelling Unit updates - Beth Rouleau from the Building Committee presented remarks regarding Town Meeting Article about ADUs. The ADU Committee delivered a report to the Planning Board, they are including potential changes to Town By-Law for their meetings. They would like residents to share their thoughts with the Planning Board. Hingham currently allows attached ADU's. A change was made to the By-Laws in 2018. The suggested change would allow a secondary resident on owner's property (not attached). 34% of residents over age 65 live alone in Hingham and it's projected to rise to 40% by 2035. There is a cap on the current number that is allowed at any given time. Three ADU's have been created each year since the by-law went into effect totaling 15. Investors would not be allowed to participate; property owner must reside in one of the two units.

9. Future Meeting Schedule - March 14th next meeting. April meeting will be April 4th

10. Other Business - Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance - None

11. Future Agenda Items - None

12. Public Comment - None

13. Adjournment - Motion made to adjourn by Jean, seconded by Karen, meeting adjourned 2:28 pm.