

WEST BOYLSTON COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 25, 2022

PRESENT: JANICE ASH, SIOBAHN BOHNSON, KATHY CASEY, BARBARA DESCHENES, DAVID FEMIA,
BARBARA MARD, THOMAS MULLINS AND LISA CLARK VIKLUND.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:04 P.M. THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED UPON MOTION OF SIOBAHN BOHSON WITH A SECOND BY KATHY CASEY.

THE FRIEND OF THE SENIOR CENTER

THE MEETING COMMENCED WITH AN UPDATE FROM INVITED GUESTS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE SENIOR CENTER: VICE PRESIDENT PATRICIA BOUCHER AND SECRETARY CATHY GORDON WHO INFORMED US THAT THE FRIENDS CAN SUBSIDIZE THE FOOD COSTS FOR THE KITCHEN BUT THEY CANNOT CONTRIBUTE FINANCES TOWARD THE SALARY OF THE MANAGER.

THE VICE PRESIDENT READ THE LIST OF PROJECTS THE GROUP HAS FUNDED OVER THE YEARS AND EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS ACHIEVED BY THEIR ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FROM RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES USUALLY DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY. SHE ADDED THAT THEY RECENTLY PURCHASED SHIRTS FOR THE SENIOR BOWLING TEAM AND WILL PROVIDE THE "GOODIES" FOR THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING IN MAY WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS THE COMMITMENT TO FUND THE BOCCE COURT

SENIOR CENTER COVERAGE

THE BOARD DISCUSSED POSSIBLE COVERAGE OF THE CENTER WITH VOLUNTEERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ON SITE WHEN LISA IS ON VACATION. THE BOARD'S OPINION WAS THAT THE CENTER SHOULD REMAIN OPEN. DATES AND TIMES WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

TRASH CONTAINER

THE TRASH CONTAINER IS IN NEED OF REPAIRS AND DISCUSSION WAS WHETHER IT WAS BEST TO REPAIR IT OR REPLACE IT AND LISA WILL CHECK TO SEE IF OUR INSURANCE WILL COVER REPAIRS.

COOLING CENTER

IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A POLICY IN PLACE REGARDING USING THE CENTER AS A COOLING PLACE.

BOCCE COURT

THE DPW WILL BE ASSISTING WITH SET UP WORK,. WE MAY NEED TO OBTAIN FORMAL BIDS BEFORE APPROVING. THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR WILL CHECK TO SEE IF THIS IS REQUIRED.

WRTA SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

UPON MOTION OF SIOBAHN BOHNSON WITH A SECOND BY KATHY CASEY IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE ADOPTING THE NEWER POLICY REGARDING IMPAIRED DRIVERS. SAID DOCUMENT WILL REPLACE THE POLICY ADOPTED IN 2002.

HANDOUT AT TOWN MEETING

THE HANDOUT WAS REVIEWED FAVORABLY TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING VOTER APPROVAL FOR THE FOOD SERVICE MANAGER. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT AN INFORMAL REPORT SHOULD BE INCLUDED REGARDING THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER.

MISCELLANEOUS

LISA HANDED OUT THE THREE MONTH REPORT ON THE CENTER'S STATISTICS SUCH AS CLASS SIZES, VOLUNTEER HOURS, MEETINGS THE DIRECTOR ATTENDED, ETC.

PICKLE BALL IS NOW AN OUTSIDE ACTIVITY AT THE TENNIS COURTS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT WEST BOYLSTON SENIORS SHOULD HAVE PREFERENCE FOR ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR NANCY LUCIER JOINED THE MEETING ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE ADJOURNING.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 25 AT 2:00 IN THE SENIOR CENTER.

UPON MOTION OF JANICE ASH WITH A SECOND BY KATHY CASEY THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:15 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
THOMAS F. MULLINS
TFM/bmd.