WEST BOYLSTON COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 6, 2023

PRESENT: SIOBAHN BOHNSON, BARBARA DESCHENES, DAVID FEMIA, BARBARA

MARD, THOMAS MULLINS, AND LISA CLARK VIKLUND.

ABSENT: JANICE ASH

INVITED GUEST: ELISE BORDAGE

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:05 BY CHAIRMAN FEMIA.

THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2023 WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED WITH THE CORRECTION OF THE SPELLING OF ELISE BORDAGE'S NAME AFTER BEING MOVED BY SIOBAHN BOHNSON WITH THE SECOND BY BARBARA MARD..

LISA'S REPORT.

ELISE BORDAGE, OUR NEW FOOD MANAGER, WAS INTRODUCED TO THE BOARD AND THE BOARD MEMBERS INTRODUCED THEMSELVES.

ELISE HAS HAD AMPLE EXPERIENCE AFTER RETIRING EARLY FROM THE WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SHE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR 19 HOURS PER WEEK. ANTICIPATING 2 MEALS PER WEEK INITIALLY STARTING THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH. AS OF THIS DATE THERE ARE ALMOST 30 SENIORS SIGNED UP.

IT APPEARS THE KITCHEN EQUIPMENT IS IN WORKING ORDER AND SERVE SAFE CERTIFICATES ARE ALL IN ORDER.

MEALS ULTIMATELY WILL BE SERVED TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BUT MEALS ON WHEELS WHICH COME FROM WORCESTER ELDER SERVICES WILL CONTINUE 5 DAYS PER WEEK..

LIA CONTINUED THAT THE INITIAL NAME OF PRESCOTT CAFÉ MAY REMAIN OR MAY CHANGE SECONDARY TO A NAMING CONTEST.

THE FIRST MEAL FROM PRESCOTT CAFÉ WILL BE MARCH 23 AND VOLUNTEERS ARE TO HELP WITH PREPARATION AND CLEANUP..

DISCUSSION THEN MOVED TO THE FUTURE WHEN NON-SENIORS MAY WANT TO DINE IN THE CAFÉ AS WELL. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE COST OF THE MEAL WILL BE MORE FOR THEM. AT PRESENT. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE SERVING DATE.

A WARMING OVEN WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR \$1,000 (USED) WILL BE SOUGHT USING FORMULA GRANT MONEY AND FINANCIAL HELP FROM THE FRIENDS OF COUNCIL ON AGING.

THE PUMP HOUSE WILL BE LOOKED AT BY A SECOND ENTITY AND HVAC IS BEING REPAIRED. EVERY YEAR THERE IS A \$9.900 BUDGET FOR MAINTENANCE.

THERE IS A NEED TO ADDRESS SLOPING REQUIREMENTS UNDER ADA TO THE SENIOR CENTER BUILDING.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COVERAGE BY BOARD MEMBERS IN ABSENCE OF LISA WHEN SHE IS ON VACATION. COVERAGE SEEMS OK TO THE END OF MAY. THIS IS FOR DAYS WHEN JUDY IS NOT PRESENT OR SUCH DAYS WHEN LISA IS ABSENT.

WITH SIOBAHN MOVING AND BARBARA MARD SECONDING THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AT 3:20 WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, THOMAS F MULLINS TFM/bmd