

Belchertown Council on Aging

Minutes for meeting held on February 22, 2018

MEMBERS

Donna Bozoglos
Robert Farrington
Maura Guzik

GUESTS

William Korzenowski
Brenda Aldrich

Absent

Jim Dowling
Diane Plante

Maura Guzik called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from January 18, 2018 was made by Robert, seconded by Donna after addendum from previous minutes to read Interim Director can sign off on payroll. Motion carried (3) yes (0) no.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Van Grant: Bill strongly encourages that we apply for Mobility assistance Grant through Mass Department of Transportation. He discussed changes in PVTA programs. Of note with increased fees this will surely impact our seniors.

Supportive Day Program: Bill has stated that this program is in a difficult funding situation. His Letter of Intent to the Tuft's Health Foundation Grant was denied. The Town accountant, Select Board and Finance Committee have been made aware.

2020 Census: Bill reminds us that Town and COA Board should encourage as many people as possible to fill out Census. Formula Grant Funding is dependent upon these results.

Faith Community: Bill suggests to keep connection with local churches. Plan is to invite local Faith Leaders to an upcoming COA meeting.

Memory Café: Bill had stated he wished to continue his involvement with Memory Café and Brown Bag distribution. It was decided he should continue with Regional Coordinating Committee on transportation but allow staff to take over Memory Cafe and Brown Bag.

Building Use Policy: Bill states this needs to be reviewed and updated with new Director. Maura stated she spoke with director of Northampton COA and that they profited from evening rental of Center. We will continue to follow.

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget:

Bill submitted the budget but it is still early in the process. Brenda stated that no issues noted at this time but it still needs to be reviewed.

Dementia Friendly Massachusetts:

Bill suggests New Director to be involved with this movement. It provides training for first responders, customer service people, and additional support services. It would be a benefit for our residents.

BSCCA UPDATE

Bill stated that the group would like to paint some of the interior walls. They would fund this project. Brenda offered options of having Boy/Eagle Scouts help. Brenda to email Maura contact person from Scouts. Maura will then contact President of BSCCA, Ann Hess with options.

COMMENTS FROM LIAISON

Brenda thanked Bill for his years of service and she also commended him on his timely and efficient budget for FY2019. She also shared that state senator Lesser is aware of transportation needs and PVTA issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

New Business

There are six qualified candidates for Bill's position. The interview process will begin 2/23/18.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PENDING ITEMS

None

The Board thanked Bill and wished him well on his Retirement. Again, thank you Bill. Your hard work, dedication and commitment to our Seniors is invaluable.

Robert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm. Donna seconded. Motion passed (3) yes (0) no.