

# Belchertown Council on Aging

Minutes for meeting on June 28, 2018

## Members

Donna Bozoglos  
Jim Dowling  
Colleen Duro-Shea  
Robert Farrington  
Maura Guzik  
Tim Niejadlik  
Diane Plante

## Guests

Jessica Langlois  
David Small

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

## Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Donna B. and seconded by Tim N. Motion passed Yes (7) No (0).

Supportive Daycare: Jessica L. reports that attendance is declining due to participants moving to alternative programs. The BSCCA will vote this month on whether to cover the deficit. If the group does not fund it alternative funding is available. Ways to best utilize the space are being discussed, being mindful of the staff. The Director has retired and the Aides will be laid off. What to do with the rocking chairs is also being explored. Possibly the Thrift Store could sell them. 22News was at the Center on June 11 wanting to discuss the SDP. Jessica L. gave a brief interview off camera.

## Director's Report

Jessica Langlois reported the following to the Council:

Staff: The process to hire a fill in/ part time driver continues. 2 applications have been received.

Programs: The numbers in all programs were given to the Council. Tracking for the Outreach Grant started in June. The Center is currently in talks with Christopher Heights to provide transportation for their residents: The Center would charge nothing to the Sr. Center. \$2.00 to Stop & Shop, and CVS and \$3.00 to Walmart. These trips will occur once or twice a week.

Admin: All required training is continuing.

A required fire drill was held on June 15.

Work on the State Home Care Contract-FY 19-21and Nutrition Grant YF 19 is being done.

The Release of Liability for Medical Equipment is at the Town Attorney's.

Tracking from July 2017- Dec. 2107 has been located. Tracking is being done through ServTracker and the results will assist with grant writing. Christopher Heights data is being tracked separately in anticipation that they may assist in funding a new van.

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### Kitchen Equipment Update

A transfer of monies from the wage account to cover a \$15,000 shortfall has been approved by the Finance Committee. The shortfall occurred with the purchase of a new steamer for the kitchen. Staff was under the impression from the former director that the money would come from the Town's free cash account. The line item was not voted on at Town Meeting.

The garbage disposal had been broken but is now repaired.

BSCCA Update- none.

Comments from the Liaison; -none. Robert F. will contact The Council's new Liaison.

### Committee Reports:

Committee's were formed as the following:

Activities- Donna B.

Transportation- Chairman- Tim N., Jessica L., D. Small, Maura G.

Budget- Chairman- Maura G., Jessica L., Tim N., Robert F.

Public Relations-Chairman- Maura G., Diane P., Jim D.

BSCCA Liaison- Colleen D.

### New Business

Slate of Officers was voted in as the following: Yes (7) No (0).

Chairman- Robert Farrington

Vice Chairman- Donna Bozoglos

Secretary- Maurs Guzik

Robert F. stated that he felt the COA needs to set goals for the upcoming year. Jessica L. informed the Council that a new van purchase is a priority. Dave Small reported the state mandated vans are not user friendly and need a great deal of repairs. He stated that if a client needs emergency assistance they cannot be reached from the front of the cab. Maura G. suggested contacting other Centers to see what type of vans they use. Jessica is exploring revenue streams for the purchase including local banks, Christopher Heights etc.

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Tim N. inquired on if the Town of Belchertown had a Sr. Tax Work off Program. The Council has been informed in the past that it does not. The Council will discuss the program with the Select Board Liaison and explore whether it would be something the Town's seniors would participate in.

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna B and seconded by Tim N. Motion passed Yes (7) No (0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Plante  
Secretary  
Belchertown COA