

BELCHERTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes for Budget meeting on August 22, 2019

Members

Maura Guzik
Colleen Duro-Shea
Bob Harrington
Donna Bozoglos
Diane Plant

Guests

Jessica Langlois, ED

Absent

Gail Gramarossa, Liaison
Jim Dowling

Bob Harrington called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Minutes:

The June minutes were reviewed and Donna motioned to accept the minutes which was seconded by Colleen. Motion passed (Yes 5, No 0)

Directors Report:

Jessica reported the following to the Council:

Staff: The Sr. Center aide position was posted and Jessica has two interviews scheduled. The Board of Selectman will appoint the new employee at Jessica's recommendation at their Sept. 9th meeting.

Programs: Jess reviewed participation in the nutrition, companion errand, outreach, transportation and recreation/educational programs during the month of June. The numbers for participation continue to grow. Bob requested a comparison report from last year be provided for those programs tracked in the previous year. Jessica mentioned the transportation program is being tracked differently from previous years on a round trip basis. The Title III-B Transportation Grant has been submitted she hopes to hear if approved in October. The Title-C Nutrition Grant was also been submitted and she will hear in September to start program on October 1.

Events:

- The National Night Out was held on August 6th and was well attended with many vendors.
- The 90th Birthday Party event is scheduled for September 20th with over 100 mailed.

BSCCA Update:

- The 20/20 raffle started on August 8th.
- The Annual Bizarre is scheduled for November 2nd.
- The Sr. Center will not be participating in the Belchertown Fair parade this year because the new van will not be delivered until late September or early October.

Committee Reports:

No updates at this time.

Liaison Report:

Liaison was not in attendance, however Jessica reported she is coming for a tour of the Center next week.

New Business:

- There are three candidates interested in joining the Advisory Board that submitted letters of interest to the Board of Selectman. Jessica will email the Advisory Board Members the candidate's letters of interest and will notify candidates to attend the next meeting for an interview.
- There was discussion about Belchertown becoming a dementia friendly town. Representatives of the Alzheimer Association came to do training on the program to include businesses in town. They are meeting quarterly at no cost and the State of Massachusetts is pushing the program.
- Bob asked what the timeline is on getting another van. Jessica responded 3 to 4 years and that a new lease would most likely be executed.

Diane motioned and Donna seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maura Guzik
Secretary of Belchertown COA