

BELCHERTOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes September 26, 2019

Members

Maura Guzik
Colleen Duroshea
Bob Farrington
Donna Bozoglos
Diane Plante
Jim Dowling

Guests

Jessica Langlois, ED

Absent

Gail Gramarossa, Liaison

Bob Harrington called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Interviews:

The Advisory Board had three candidates interested in serving on the Advisory Board for a term to expire 6/30/2022. The names of the candidates are Theresa Ahrens, John Belding and Judith O’Kulsky. After the interviews the Board went into a closed executive session to vote for the best candidate.

Minutes:

The August minutes were reviewed and Diane motioned to accept the minutes which was seconded by Donna. Motion passed (Yes 6, No 0)

Directors Report:

Jessica reported the following to the Council:

Staff: The Sr. Center aide position was reposted and Jessica had interviews on 9/17/2019. The Board of Selectman will appoint the new employee at Jessica’s recommendation at their Sept. 23rd meeting. A home deliver meals driver gave two weeks’ notice. The position was advertised and interviews took place on Sept. 23rd. Recommendation will be sent to the Board of Selectman for appointment at their Oct. 7th meeting.

Programs: Jessica reviewed participation in the nutrition, companion errand, outreach, transportation and recreation/educational programs during the month of August. The numbers for participation continue to grow. Jessica provided a comparison on the report for transportation showing last year’s participation vs year to date results.

Other: The WMEC Advisory Council has approved both Title III-C (\$27,154) for the nutrition program and Title III-B (\$4,000) for the medical transportation program.

Events:

10/2-Flu Clinic; 10/8-WMEC Presents:Food for Arthritis; 10/10-Rocktoberfest; 10/18 Dementia Prevention seminar; 10/22-NBSB Presents: Identity Theft; 10/24- Presentation:The Streets Where We Live; 10/25-Red Cross Blood Mobile.

The meetings for November and December will be moved to the third day of the month 11/21 and 12/19 due to the upcoming holidays.

BSCCA Update:

- The Annual Bizarre is scheduled for December 2nd. There are enough volunteers so Board members do not need to volunteer.
- They have already raised \$2,000 for the second van.

Committee Reports:

No updates at this time.

Liaison Report:

Liaison was not in attendance.

New Business:

- Jessica recommended raising the hourly wage of the HDM drivers by 3%. Maura motioned to raise their wages by 3%; Donna seconded. Motion carried (Yes-6 No-0).

Maura motioned and Donna seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maura Guzik
Secretary of Belchertown COA