

North Reading Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 1803 by Dan Greenberg

Present: Daniel Greenberg, chair, Katherine McCabe Scott, board member, Rich Wallner (Select Board liaison), Suresh Rao (finance committee liaison), Angela Mauceri (Friends of COA liaison), Susan Tilton (NR staff), Kathy Sumner (MVES staff), Andrea Gladu (board member)

Introductions

Lil gave an update on interviews, hoping for second round complete by October 1 and moving into either third round interviews or having a candidate selected. Youth Services Director also to be posted in October.

Lil gave an update on programming. Attempting to bring hot meals Tuesdays, special programming Thursdays. Blood pressure, offsite tai chi, chorus, lunch trips, pizza and movies, monthly entertainment to be included in October - December newsletter assuming all instructors/volunteers agree. Tai Chi very well reviewed by this Council!!

Old Business:

Status of new COA members?

Lil to get Citizen Activity Forms from TA

What does a council on aging do? (Angela)

- Emphasis on programming
- Planning goals and evaluating progress
- Working with the director and staff to understand and plan budget
- Handy references include a Guide for COA advisory boards from Emmett/EOEA
- Dan will circulate the charter for the Council along with policies and procedures.

Andrea and Dan terms expire at the end of December 2022 and both would like to be reappointed

Kim Manzelli was the chair and resigned from the committee. Need elections of officers after reappointments. Not sure what month the elections will occur.

New Business:

Facility concerns raised.

1. Concerns about the building envelope including squirrel holes.
2. Joe Parisi assured Dan Greenberg that structural repairs are happening.
3. Suresh and Rich mentioned a lot of energy is going into the fire station repairs and sewer project.

Surprised at the untapped intellectual capacity of seniors in the community, no one has asked us! People like to be asked directly. Intergenerational Center may foster natural mentoring.

New business question

1. How is elderly housing being planned and supported in town? Suresh is on the MVES advisory council where a new housing initiative is coming up.
2. Wheeler Property across from the library will be 55+ but has been currently postponed from moving forward due to design issues.
3. Community Planning Council is working to create options for town residents who are overhoused and is currently working to enable Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). The council is responsible for new opportunities for development within the town.
4. Martin's Landing, a Pulte property, is a 55+ community. A portion of the town proceeds from this development was tentatively earmarked for senior issues per a past discussion by Rich Wallner. There are already residents from this development that are receiving services from the Town.
5. NRHA has some responsibility for Peabody Court, involved in Carpenter Rd development planning in the past.

Adjourn: 18:51pm

Motion to adjourn was unanimous

Next COA Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 25 via zoom at 6 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Gladu, COA Secretary

