

MAYNARD COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

Minutes

February 25, 2021

In attendance:

Paula Copley, Angie Flannery, David Hull, Diane Wasiuk, Amy Loveless, Mary Beth Coyne (Minuteman Senior Services liaison) and Pat Kozik.

Absent:

Anita Dolan

Meeting called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes from January 14, 2021 were approved.

Public Comments: none.

COA Director's Report:

- COA Service Statistics for the month of January were reported. The number of calls about vaccine issues were over 120 for the month.
- Amy gave an overview of the current complexities of vaccine distribution for state and local municipalities and the effect on appointments. These issues are impacting Maynard's ability to hold a town clinic. Regionalization of towns and collaboration on vaccine distribution may be available. This would enhance the ability of Maynard residents to receive the vaccine.
- Amy updated the Board on local pharmacies and grocery stores offering the vaccine and the success some seniors have reported. The Maynard Police Dept. is offering to provide transportation to mass vaccination sites. The Board members asked Amy to draft a letter of appreciation to Maynard's Police Dept.
- Currently residents of senior and affordable housing are eligible to receive the vaccine as well as homebound individuals. The Town's Health Agent is working with the Maynard Housing Authority to set up clinics. Day/time of clinics will depend on vaccine delivery.
- Potential space for a senior center at Mill & Main is being considered by a legal firm. Amy informed the leasing company that it is unclear when the Town/COA would be able to consider a space with the unknown aspects of the pandemic and seniors' ability to gather. The space may be considered in the near future as well as options at 141 Parker Street.

Minuteman Senior Services Report:

Mary Beth presented Minuteman's Area Aging Plan which will be focusing on housing, transportation, economic security, and social isolation. She followed up on questions from the last meeting regarding the decrease in Protective Service cases in FY20. Mary Beth reported that due to the restrictions of the pandemic, there may have been less notice of issues and less reports. Amy has reported that more self-neglect, including dementia related cases, cases have been reported during the pandemic.

Old Business:

Discussion of the by-laws. The Board decided to continue evaluating the draft at the next meeting. Two changes to the appointment terms for members and alternates will be finalized. The Board membership may have two openings at the end of June 30. Amy will add the Board member's names to the next newsletter as well as noting there are openings.

It was recommended that interested candidates should be discussed during an executive meeting. The Board decided that interested candidates contact Amy at the COA rather than contacting the Board members individually. Amy, on behalf of the Board, will submit confirmed candidates to the BOS for appointment when appropriate to do so,

New Business:

None.

Adjourned: 3:11 p.m.

Next meeting: March 11, 2:00 p.m.