

## MAYNARD COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

### Minutes

May 13, 2021

#### In attendance:

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

**Meeting called to order at 2:07 p.m.**

**Minutes from April 8, 2021 were approved.**

**Public Comments: none.**

#### Minuteman Senior Services Report:

- In-home visits have started.
- Discussion with COA's regarding in-person SHINE appts. and congregate dining have begun pending changes in restrictions/as reopening occurs.
- A weapon/gun buyback is being held at the Acton COA on May 15.
- There is a shortage of homecare workers.
- There are openings for an ombudsman in Harvard, Boxboro, and Woburn.

#### COA Director's Report:

- COA Service Statistics for the month of April. Van ridership has increased.
- High rates of vaccination rates for Maynard were noted.
- Assessment of the tour of the Boys & Girls Club facility as a potential location for the COA/Senior Center was outlined. Positive and negative aspects of the use of space meeting COA needs were discussed.
- Shared communication from Boys & Girls Club Executive Director with rental cost per year, days/vacation weeks and eleven weeks of summer when the COA would not be able to hold programs.
  - The COA Board felt both the cost, need to modify COA's operating hours from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the number of days when the COA could not hold programs was prohibitive and less than ideal compared to the current COA space. The Board voted unanimously not to move forward.
- Discussion of next steps for exploring current and past options for senior center space.
- Updates on current plans for spring and summer programs including continued precautions such as wearing masks, outdoor activities and Zoom classes. Any future reopening would include masks, limited indoor activity, reservations, smaller number of participants in an activity but more times held to accommodate interest.

**Old Business:**

- Discussion of development of a “letter of interest” for COA Board openings. Sudbury COA’s letter and application were an example. COA Board asked Amy to follow up with a draft.

**New Business:**

- COA Board received copies of the “A Proposal: Maynard Senior Center Advocacy Group” report. The report had been submitted to the Select Board by Deb Roussell. The COA Board asked Amy to invite Deb to the next COA Board meeting to discuss the report.
- Paula let the COA Board know the 150<sup>th</sup> Dedication was on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:15.

**Adjourned: 2:55 p.m.**

**Next meeting: June 10, 2021, 2:00 p.m.**