

MAYNARD COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD

Minutes

September 22, 2021

In-Person Meeting

In attendance: Angie Flannery, Paul Guthrie, David Hull, Amy Loveless and Diane Wasiuk.

Absent: Anita Dolan

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes from June 10 and June 17, 2021 were approved.

Public Comment: none.

Election of Officers:

David Hull – Chair

Paul Guthrie – Vice-Chair

Diane Wasiuk - Secretary

Minuteman Senior Services Liaison Report:

Mary Beth Coyne reported that Minuteman Senior Services reinstated their mask wearing policies. There continues to be a shortage of home care staff for home visits. Minuteman will be providing assistance for individuals who will need to receive Co-vid vaccine boosters.

COA Director's Report:

- The COA's reopening plans are going well. Small groups, with social distancing are occurring. Fitness classes are continuing via Zoom. Amy noted that due to Zoom, the yoga class is able to accommodate increased participation.
- Amy presented a report to the Select Board on June 15 regarding the research done to date on a space for the senior center. She suggested the Board and individuals in attendance view the recording of the meeting as the report was extensive. Amy stated the search for a new space continued after moving to the golf course function and hasn't stopped.
- A space at Mill and Main met the recommendations of the Board (accessibility, parking, sufficient room to expand programs and attendance as well as proximity to downtown Maynard) but currently further discussion/negotiation is on hold due. The next step in considering any space would be to start an RFP process.
- Amy asked the Board if they would like to recommend to the Select Board consideration of starting a RFP process. The Board was unanimous in deciding to recommend and asked Amy to submit a letter to the Select Board. In addition, the Board asked that the letter ask the Select Board to elevate the priority of a space to meet the seniors' needs.

- Amy provided a copy of the Select Board's goals for FY22. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting when more members of the Board have reviewed them.

New Business: none.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.