

Holliston Council on Aging  
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 12, 2021 - 2:00PM

Members Present:

Kathy Anguish, Yvette Cain, Frank Caron, Carmen Chiango, Bob Malone

Members Absent:

Millie Bedard, Bob Hopkins

Staff Present:

Lisa Borchetta

Others Present:

Linda Marshall, Consultant; Lynn Bajdek, Visitor; Georgia Papavasiliou, Visitor and Bay Path Alternate; Chris Cain, Holliston Reporter

The meeting was convened in person, with adequate social distancing and masks, in the Senior Center great hall. A quorum being present, Bob Malone called the meeting to order at 2:05PM.

There were no public comments. For chair's comments, Bob Malone noted the Town Meeting passed the proposed omnibus budgets, which included the amount requested by the Council On Aging, and approved by the Finance Committee and Select Board, to include the new less than half time administrative position for the Center. Lisa will now proceed to work to fill that position.

The minutes for the January 2021 special meeting and February and April 2021 regular meetings were previously distributed, and copies were available with the meeting packet. Approval of all three without correction were moved by Frank, seconded by Kathy, and approval voted unanimously.

Lisa then was asked to present the Director's Report. Under building issues, renovations are continuing. Ceiling tile installation is completed, and floor installation is being scheduled depending on Center activities. New kitchen cabinets have been ordered. Air purifiers have been placed in offices and common rooms, and will be placed in the great room and Good As New when the floor work is complete.

The Metrowest Health Foundation approved the grant request for \$9,500 for one large and two smaller tents, chairs, and a storage shed for summer programming. Due to higher than expected costs for the tents and some additional safety inclusions we will still have to request some funding from CARES Act (as approved at the April meeting). Lisa and Linda are calculating the amount and will submit. James Keast will assist with the procurement.

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The “meet and great” programs have been scheduled. The monthly breakfast will begin again (May 11 and June 8) on a drive-by basis. The Summer Sizzler is scheduled for June 21 at 12Noon. The Lion’s Club will delivering a “brown bag” lunch to home bound seniors on May 27, and offering a free drive-by cookout/picnic lunch Sunday June 27 – sign up required.

Bryan Perkins’ last day was April 30. His new job is tech assistant for ‘MYSeniorCenter’, so we will have a connection if necessary. Twenty two applicants for the Assistant Director position have been received, with five finalists to be interviewed. An appointment is expected soon. We are receiving support from the new personnel position at Town Hall.

There has still been no response to the advertisement for a part time driver, but funds from the BayPath grant and MAPC transportation grant have been used to provide taxi service as necessary.

Requests for funding from the SSF were presented by Lisa for \$100 for the June breakfast (credit card), and \$750 (credit card) for the summer cookout, date to be detemined. A motion to make the request was made by Yvette, seconded by Frank, and voted unanimously.

Lisa was asked about reopening plans for the Center. She noted that guidance has been requested, and will be forthcoming, from Emergency Director Mike Cassidy, and we will follow appropriate town guidance.

Under new business, our two visitors were introduced. Lynn Bajdek has expressed an interest in joining as an Associate Member, and perhaps for a seat on the Council if an opening is presented. Georgia Papavasiliou, our alternate Baypath representative, has also expressed an interest in joining as an Associate Member. In addition, her position as our Baypath representative was clarified (the late Annette Hamlet was our representative). Bob Malone will write to Baypath clarifying the situation.

Kathy invited some discussion of the various processes used to fill positions for the Center – Director, etc. Bob offered a bit of history, and Bob and Linda discussed the construction of selection committees. It was a helpful discussion.

No other business to come before the Council, on motion made by Frank, seconded by Carmen, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03PM, by unanimous vote. The next meeting of the Council will be the annual meeting on June 9, at 2:00PM at the Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robert Malone