

Holliston Council on Aging  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting

June 9, 2021 - 2:00PM

Members Present:

Kathy Anguish, Millie Bedard, Yvette Cain, Frank Caron, Carmen Chiango, Bob Hopkins, Bob Malone

Staff Present:

Linda Marshall (Acting Director), Marty Schneier, Amanda Boralessa

Others Present:

Janet Alexander, Candidate for Associate Membership; Lynn Bajdek, Candidate for Associate Membership; Chris Cain, Holliston Reporter

The meeting was convened in person, in accordance with revised state guidelines, in the Senior Center classroom. A quorum being present, Bob Malone called the meeting to order at 2:00PM. It was ruled by the Chair that notice at the May meeting, and notification in the distributed minutes of that meeting and the agenda for June 9 constituted sufficient notice for the annual meeting.

Bob Malone then recognized Linda Marshall. Linda reported that Lisa Borchetta, Director, was called away for a family emergency, and Linda was Acting Director in her absence. Linda introduced Amanda Boralessa, newly-appointed Assistant Director. It was noted this was Amanda's first day, and she was warmly welcomed by the Council.

Under Chair's Comments, Bob Malone noted that the Center has published a reopening guideline for the Center effective May 29, 2021, following the state's new guidelines. Linda Marshall will speak more about this in the Director's report.

The minutes for the May 12, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous vote with several spelling corrections (moved by Bob H., seconded by Yvette). Bob will publish a corrected copy of the minutes.

Linda was then called on to present the Director's report. Under building issues, it was noted that the new floor in the great room and Good As New have been completed and are well received. The kitchen is being painted and new wall cabinets are to be installed. Portable air purifiers have now been placed in offices and common rooms of the Center. The garage is still due to be power washed.

We have received another \$400 donation from the Superette. The donation jar at the Superette has yielded over \$4,000 to date. Thanks to the Superette and customers!

The SSF will conduct the fall fair on September 11, 2021, as allowed by new state guidelines. Volunteers are urgently sought to help with the fair. The organization and content will be dependent upon the volunteer corps.

Flexibility in programs is necessary with the advent of new gathering guidelines. Meal offerings (monthly breakfast, Summer Sizzler, Lions Club BBQ) will be offered as “drive-by: for the remainder of the summer. Weekly meals will continue to be prepared in house and delivered. The first gathering to be held in the building will be the summer ice cream social (with entertainment sponsored by the Holliston Cultural Council) scheduled for August 11. Summer classes and programs will be re-introduced as appropriate, with the return of the band/dancing, fitness programs and other groups and classes on a normal summer routine.

In line with the new state guidelines effective May 29, face masks are no longer required for fully-vaccinated individuals to enter the Center, but are strongly advised for those who have not been vaccinated. Hand washing and social distancing (as possible) are still recommended.

The Board voted unanimously (moved by Bob H, seconded by Kathy) the recommendation by Linda to request up to \$3,500 for meal packaging supplies and up to \$4,500 for meal delivery expense for the period July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 from CARES Act funding through the Town, and in the event CARES Act funding is not available, to request any remaining amounts from the Recovery Act funding expected to accrue to the Town.

We again welcomed Amanda to her new position, and noted that there is an internal posting for the new part time administrative position that is hoped to begin on July 1. The part time van driver position will be re-posted, and we are still seeking several part time receptionist volunteers.

For SSF funding, a motion was made by Bob H. seconded by Kathy, and voted unanimously for the following:

Monthly Breakfast (credit card) – food items	\$ 300
Summer BBQ (credit card) – paper goods, drinks, misc.	\$ 350
Ice Cream Social (credit card) – IC, topping, paper goods	\$ 350
Welcome Back treats (credit card)	\$ 300

The next item on the agenda was the election of officers for the 2021/2022 year. A recommended slate was presented by the Nominating Committee (Frank Caron, chair; Millie Bedard, member), as follows:

Chair	Yvette Cain
Vice Chair	Bob Hopkins
Treasurer	Carmen Chiango
Minutes Secretary	Rotating Volunteers

Bob Malone called for nominations from the floor. None forthcoming, nominations were closed. On motion by Frank, seconded by Kathy, the slate as proposed was voted unanimously. Congratulations to the new officers.

Bob reminded the members of the need to check their Conflict Of Interest Training to see if they need to renew. It was suggested they call the Town Clerk's office to check the expiration date of their current status.

Discussion followed about a representative from the Council on Aging to the newly-established (by Town Meeting) Long Range Planning Committee. The Council voted to appoint Bob Malone as the Council representative (moved by Yvette, seconded by Bob H., voted unanimously). Bob will so notify the Town Administrator.

Under new business, the presence of two candidates for Associate Membership were recognized – Janet Alexander and Lynn Bajdek – and asked to comment a bit on their interest. Their expressions of interest were received warmly, and on motion by Bob H. seconded by Kathy, they were unanimously voted as Associate Members of the Council.

Linda Marshall suggested it would be helpful to Amanda and our new Associates to go around the table and introduce ourselves. Accomplished!

With no other business to come before the Council, Bob Malone asked for a motion to adjourn (made by Frank, seconded by Bob H.) which was voted unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:05PM. There being no scheduled meetings in July and August, the next meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Robert Malone

June 10, 2021