

HOLLISTON COUNCIL ON AGING
Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting
June 14, 2023 – 2:00 PM

Members Present: Yvette Cain, Kathy Anguish, Lynne Bajdek, Carmen Chiango, Janet Alexander, and Georgia Papavasiliou. Absent: Millie Bedard

Staff Present: Lisa Borchetta

Associate Member Present: Peter Eagan

Guests: Holliston Reporter (remote), Millie Kampersal

Call to Order:

The hybrid meeting was conducted in person in the Senior Center classroom, as well as online via Zoom. With a quorum being present, Yvette called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM. Delay was due to Senior Center event.

Minutes for May 10, 2023 Meeting: Minutes were unanimously approved (moved by Lynn, seconded by Kathy).

Public Comments: Yvette welcomed our guest, Millie Kampersal, and introduced her to the staff. Kathy Anguish read aloud a letter received from a Holliston resident looking for assistance for her husband in the form of companionship. Since services, such as respite, do not currently exist at the Senior Center, it was advised for Kathy to be the bridge between the resident and the senior center to see if there was some type of assistance or resources that could meet their needs.

Senior Center Director's Report - Lisa Borchetta:

- Building Issues:
 - DPW is doing a great job keeping up with the lawn and garden maintenance.
 - Cameras in the entrances offer more security for staff, especially in the pre and post hours of operation.
 - The old chairs previously used in the great hall will be auctioned off to the public.
- Grants:
 - **Formula Grant** – Reviewing possibilities for using the remaining Formula Grant Funds. Focusing on enhancing outdoor activities such as corn hole, bocce, chess, benches, etc. by purchasing equipment, recreational materials, and a Cambro heated rolling cabinet for seasonal events.
 - **Senior Safe and Habitat for Humanity/ARPA Programs** are still assisting Holliston homeowners. Habitat continues to be a supportive partner. To date, three jobs have been completed and four are pending. Referrals for home safety products are forthcoming. There are no income restrictions.
 - **MA Development Finance Agency – Taxi Grant** –Ongoing. The number of rides has more than doubled since February. In May, there were 24 requests for rides.
- Staff Updates:
 - Second interviews for the Assistant Director position have been conducted and a candidate will be selected soon.
 - Existing volunteers are stepping up to fill the void of an Assistant Director as well as covering staff vacations. Lisa expressed her appreciation for Ellie Stackpole's assistance. Ellie's knowledge of Microsoft Office has been invaluable.

- SSF Requests: Motion to approve \$1755 was unanimously approved (moved by Kathy, seconded by Janet) for the following:

Select Chat for July and August	\$100.00 Credit Card
Bingo – July and August	\$ 80.00 Cash
Coffee with Holliston Police -August	\$ 50.00 Credit Card
Veteran’s Coffee – July and August	\$100.00 Credit Card
Monthly Breakfast – July and August	\$200.00 Credit Card
Lunch and a Movie – July and August	\$275.00 Credit Card
Karaoke Party – August	\$300.00 Credit Card
Newsletter Folding Event – August	\$150.00 Credit Card
Summer Cook Out – July	\$500.00 Credit Card

Yvette recognized Lisa for having gone above and beyond working without a full staff for the last 6 months while keeping up with the day-to-day operations.

Old Business:

Envisioning Holliston Update – Peter Eagan gave an update. The intake period is over, and the consultant is consolidating data to create a Mission and Vision Statement. To date, there have been 3000 visits to the pinpoint site; 1300 unique users, 40 Meetings In A Box. The next step will be to establish a Five-Year Strategic Plan for the town.

New Business

Slate of Officers were approved unanimously for the coming year – (moved by Georgia; seconded by Carmen). Officers for 2023-2024 are:

Yvette Cain – Chair
 Kathy Anguish – Vice Chair
 Carmen Chiango – Treasurer
 Janet Alexander - Secretary

Yvette offered two versions for our monthly meetings. First version kept the current schedule of meeting September through June. Second version added the months of July and August. Motion was made by Kathy, seconded by Carmen to keep the first version, and add a meeting during the summer if necessary. Motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette and Lisa drafted a combined COA/Senior Center Mission Statement and Vision Statement, guided by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging. After lengthy discussion around verbiage, the Statements below were unanimously approved (moved by Lynn, seconded by Kathy).

Mission Statement: The Holliston COA/Senior Center advocates for older adults and cultivates independence, enrichment and well-being through its programs and services.

Vision Statement: We envision a community actively engaged in respecting and integrating older adults into the fabric of Holliston life.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn was unanimously approved (Kathy moved; Georgia seconded). Next scheduled meeting is September 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM. Meeting adjourned at 3:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Alexander