

MINUTES

MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: October 20, 2021, 7:30 AM

Present: Stephen Walinsky, Richard Townsend, Christine Bott, Stuart Mulhane, Keven Higginbottom, Sarahbeth Persiani and Transportation Coordinator, Tom Weeks

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM by the Chairman, at the Senior Center.

VOUCHERS:

No vouchers were signed at the meeting. Christine Botts reported signing two during the past weeks.

MINUTES:

A motion to accept the September minutes was made by Stuart Mulhane. Seconded by Rick Townsend. Vote: unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE: No letters were reviewed.

STANDING REPORTS:

- A. Budget and Finance – Prior to the meeting a phone message was left with the Finance Director requesting a monthly update on the Senior Center Budget. No reply was received, and during a subsequent visit to the Finance Directors office that day, the office was marked closed. Accordingly, no report was available.
- B. Personnel – No report.
- C. Nominating – No report.
- D. Legislative – No report.
- E. Senior Center Usage – No requests.
- F. Building Maintenance/Equipment – No report.

Director's Report – Interim Director, Ms. Faldetta, was absent from the meeting, but provided a pre-written update for distribution to the Board Members. It is attached and made a part of these minutes.

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Chairman's Report – Mr. Walinsky provided an update as to the involvement and meetings he has attended with regard to the ongoing investigation of Executive Director, Judith O'Connor. He provided a summary of conversations that he has had with Town leadership to support the process and to obtain perspective for resolution. Ms. Persiani shared her concern as to whether there was genuine insight to the operations of the Senior Center, with concern for its patrons and a sense of urgency to take action as a Board. Her suggestion was a possible meeting with the Board of Selectmen, the governing body. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the present situation, with unfortunately, more questions than answers.

As such, the following actions were discussed:

- 1) A motion was made by Stuart Mulhane to send a letter to the Town Manager conveying a "vote of confidence" in our Executive Director and request for her to be re-instated. Seconded by Rick Townsend. Vote: unanimous.
- 2) A related motion was made by Stuart Mulhane to request an executive session with the Town Selectmen to explore possible means to intervene and express concerns as a matter of record. Seconded by Rick Townsend. Vote: unanimous.

Mr. Walinsky and Ms. Persiani agreed to work together to draft the letters.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elder Services of Worcester/Nutrition Program – No discussion.

Intergenerational Programs/Friendly Visitor – No discussion.

Elder Service Work-off Program – No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

OTHER BUSINESS:

No other business.

The next Regular monthly meeting of the Board is scheduled for November 17, 2021

Adjournment occurred at 8:45AM

Respectfully submitted,

Sarahbeth Persiani, COA Board Member



Christine Bott



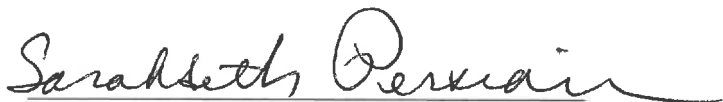
Kevin Higginbottom



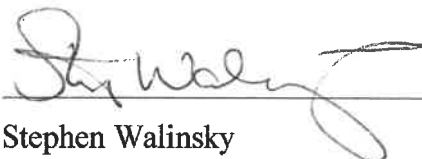
Stuart Mulhane



Richard Townsend



Sarahbeth Persiani



Stephen Walinsky

Good Morning COA Board,

I apologize for not being able to attend this meeting but unfortunately, I am unable to because of an illness. I should attend next month and have included my stats reports for you.

Some important dates to note:

October 26th, we have a flu clinic. If you are still in need of a flu shot, stop and let the front desk know.

October 28th, COA Halloween party. This will be a costume-optional party with games and food.

November 11th, closed for Veterans Day.

November 25th and 26th, closed for thanksgiving.

Other things to note: We are looking to add a Pitch group on Thursdays, and have had some interest with people who would like to join. I am also looking into the previous Yoga instructor, as we have also had some interest in getting a Yoga class back as well. Our newly created cribbage group has been going well – with a steady group of 4 or 5 people coming consistently. We have not heard anything about offering the 3rd COVID shot at the COA and are recommending seniors reach out to their primary care physicians.

Unfortunately due to me getting sick I was unable to have the total transportation breakdown day-by-day but we had 241 rides for people under the age of 60 and 515 rides for people over the age of 60. The people under the age of 60 are made up of the ADA clients.

I will see you all at the meeting next month, or if you need to reach me you can email me any time at kfaldetta@townofmillbury.net or at the office over the phone.

Have a good day,

Kendra Faldetta

COUNCIL ON AGING STATS September 2021

	Exer	Cards	Majj	Crafts	Bing Aft	Food Family	Food # People	Outreach	Staywell	MOW	Telep Stats	Trans	Bowl
9/1/2021	0	8	0	6	35	0	0	4	0		48		0
9/2/2021	0	8	0	0	0	1	2	5	0	98	51		0
9/3/2021	12	8	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	98	39		0
9/6/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
9/7/2021	7	7	0	0	0	1	1	4	6	98	53		0
9/8/2021	0	8	0	5	20	0	0	7	0	98	43		0
9/9/2021	0	8	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	163	51		0
9/10/2021	14	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	34		0
9/13/2021	17	7	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	98	40		2
9/14/2021	12	8	0	0	0	2	2	5	5	98	41		0
9/15/2021	0	8	0	6	26	1	2	6	0	98	43		0
9/16/2021	0	8	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	98	41		0
9/17/2021	14	8	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	38		0
9/20/2021	13	8	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	98	39		3
9/21/2021	11	8	0	0	0	3	4	4	4	98	41		0
9/22/2021	0	8	0	7	30	1	2	4	0	98	54		0
9/23/2021	0	8	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	163	47		0
9/24/2021	12	8	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	98	36		0
9/27/2021	15	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	33		2
9/28/2021	7	8	0	0	0	1	4	6	8	98	38		0
9/29/2021	0	8	0	5	27	2	5	3	0	98	45		0
9/30/2021	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	163	47		0
SEP Totals	134	166	24	29	138	21	41	61	23	2155	902	0	7
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