

THE WINCHENDON COUNCIL ON AGING

Date: 12/7/23

Minutes of the Meeting

Accepted  
11/23/2024  
JAM

MEETING OPENED AT: 9:30AM

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK  
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PRESENT: Judy Mizhir, Sheila Bettro, AnnMary Smith, Nancy Romanowski, Anne Coderre, Diane Alexander, Gail Casavant, Jean Joyal, Brenda Kosakowski, Mary Lou Johnson, Vicki LaBrack.

EXCUSED: John Webber

Minutes from 9/21/23 moved upon and accepted.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Saturday craft and bake sale went well. Reaped \$466 +; very well attended.

\* Bob Jordan provided entertainment today.

\* On the 18th of December we will have caroling from the Cornerstone Church. We will have fewer activities d/t the upcoming weather. We will try to do more in-house such as Muffin Monday or Taco Tuesday.

\* Four applications have been accepted for the open director's position. The town will begin interviewing next week. I have interviewed and accepted 1 application for a van driver. I am interviewing for a second one. One application has been accepted for the Secretary's position. Cindy's last day is scheduled for Jan. 5th. I may repost that position. My last day was slated for this Friday, but d/t no one accepted yet, I may stay until Jan. 5th.

\*The meal count is up, miles are up and medical transports are way up. We were closed 3 days in November making only 18 working days.

\*The WPD will is scheduled for January to give another fraud alert presentation.

\*The Red Cross will be coming in Dec. 18th for a presentation. Also on Dec. 18th, Monday we were able to obtain a grant from the WFD, Red Cross, and the Sen. Cntr, to present towns people with free installed fire alarms or smoke detectors for homes built before 1975.

MEALS DELIVERED	MILES DRIVEN	MED RUNS	LUNCH SERVED	SHOP TRIPS	OTHER
2004	2900	108	59	4	2

These numbers reflect only the Senior Center trips. The CAC has 2 vol. drivers now.

\*We were able to purchase another transit van for Meals On Wheels as of Dec. 14th. The old van will still be available for add'l med runs, meals on wheels, etc.

\*Some additional expenses incurred were \$200 for animal removal, \$6,700 for new elevator board. This was not included in my budget d/t being informed after April.

\*I have received notice from Mike and Art Amenta, leaving 2 more positions to be filled. I will be doing a confidential dedication of the clock tower for Art's long service at the Senior Center. This will be confidential d/t his adamant dislike of being focused on.

\*A plaque was also made up for Cindy Knight who worked and served here for 11 years.

\*I've been here for over 20 years and truly feel that some new, younger people will bring in more enthusiasm, more projects, and programs. You are going to be just fine.

\*I have already volunteered at a turtle sanctuary in NC, starting @March 2nd.

The Director's Report was moved on and accepted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Policies and procedures have been reviewed and updated. Vote presented; unanimously accepted. Planning committee update was presented. Vote was unanimously in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS: A new director will be hired soon and will be acquainted with our procedures and expectations. The Town Manager will be deciding the outcome of applications.

\*John Webber, who has been volunteering for a number of years, since he moved to Winchendon. His talents and assistance was well appreciated. He will be missed. A card was passed around for a farewell and expression of appreciation.

\*Phil White is recovering in Myrtle Beach from a heart attack and surgical procedure.

\*Ms. Bettro suggested to postpone our next meeting to give the new director some breathing room.

\*Ms. Romanowski raised a question of back-up or per diem van drivers. Ms. Bettro explained that it has not been considered previously d/t the experienced staff we have. Two drivers will be hired presently and back-up drivers will be trained out of the staff. Those jobs will be posted soon.

\*A sock tree was put up for those in need.

\*Ms. Kosakowski noted the numerous activities at the CAC now. Nice they have the old bowling alley for adequate space.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at 9:30AM.

MEETING CLOSED AT: 10:15AM.

Note: Meeting was subsequently changed to Tuesday, Jan 23, 2024, at 9:30AM.

Respectively submitted:

Diane M. Alexander

Secretary