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THE WINCHENDON COUNCIL ON AGING

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Minutes of the Meeting

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Meeting opened at 9:35 AM

PRESENT: AnneMary Smith, Phil White, Gail Casavant, John Webber, Jean Joyal, Lynn Murray, Diane Alexander, Sec., Sheila Betro, Director, Judy Mizhir, Chairwoman.

GUEST: Nancy Romanowski

ABSENT: Anne Coderre, Rita Amenta, Dick LaDeau, Gloria LaBrack, Emeritus.

Minutes from 4/12/22 were accepted as corrected.

A letter has been sent to the Select Board recommending new members.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The month of April saw us providing meals and transportation as follows:

Meals: 1776

Transportation: 2431 miles

Medical trips: 39

Lunch trips: 42

Shopping trips: 4

Other provided trips: 5

*There are currently @20/day coming for lunch; pre-pandemic we had 60-70. Let's get the word out!

*The numbers of people utilizing the Senior Center are somewhat down, and we will be offering more activities now that we are fully staffed (hooray). We will be open for 5 days a week.

*The Celebration of Life on Sunday, May 1st went very well. There were 60 people in attendance. A local radio station broadcast the event live. There was music also provided.

*Dennis Gormier will be performing in the auditorium on Wednesday, May 25. His show is for sing along songs of yesteryear and include Elvis impersonations.

*A wedding reception is tentatively planned to utilize the facility.

*A class reunion is planned at the Senior Center as well.

*The 3rd Wednesday along with Bingo at 12 noon, a cookie booth is selling homemade cookies and it is going very well providing funds for a small future outing. Any cookies must be bagged and sanitary.

*A June/July cookout is upcoming for ham dinner or possibly a pig roast. We are hoping to purchase a small grill for outdoor events. We are planning to put tables under the big tree. Suggestions are welcome.

*We are in the process of gradually bringing back some popular old programs; games, cribbage, puzzles, etc.

Director's report was motioned and unanimously accepted.

NEW BUSINESS: The Summer COA meeting schedule was motioned and accepted to be on the first Thursday's at 9:30 AM in the summer and as needed in January and February.

This Summer we will be doing a self-assessment of our services including building usage, programs, health services, etc.

An offer was made to hold a meeting or two at a lake house this Summer. Response was favorable.

Update on Winchendon as a Food Dessert: HEAL Winchendon provides food it gets from grants. The CAC and Senior Center are also food providers.

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is under new staffing. They are working very well with the Winchendon Senior Center. We are happy to have Miranda Jennings as the director and her assistance and support is very welcomed and appreciated.

Meeting adjournment was motioned for and approved unanimously at 10:17 AM.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Diane M. Alexander
Secretary.