DEDHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

Present: Chairman Leanne Jasset, Marie-Louise Kehoe, Sherri Hannigan, Geraldine (Geri) Pacheco, Russ Poole, Diane Barry Preston, Maureen Teti, Sandra Tocman, HESSCO Representative Anne Heller, COA Director Sheila Pransky

Absent: Parks and Recreation Representative Charles (Chuck) Dello Iacono,

Meeting called to order at 5:45 PM.

Public Discussion: None

Minutes: Motion made by Sandi, seconded by Russ, to accept the March minutes. So voted. Diane and Geri voted present as they did not attend the February meeting.

Director's Report:

* We have hired John Butler as a 3/4 time bus driver. John has worked for us before, is very well liked by the seniors, and will be a valuable asset in moving our transportation forward.
* Cassandra Furtado, Program and volunteer Coordinator, is working with us to plan and market new programs and beginning to develop a volunteer handbook.
* The March 9th budget meeting went well.
* I will be seeking to form the organizing committee for the planning of the grand opening of the new center.
* Sheila presented a suggested graphic for items such as name tags to be used in the new center. Leanne moved, seconded by Diane, we recommend the design presented by Director Sheila Plansky pending the inclusion of the suggested revisions to be submitted for final review. It was unanimously voted.
* I will be purchasing a new touch screen to be used when entering the new center, two portable scanners to track ridership on the bus and participation at outside events, and two transport type wheelchairs for those with limited mobility in a large space.

HESSCO:

* The monthly training was on case management.
* Anne noted HESSCO provides services to other than low income clients with payment on a sliding scale.
* A group is working on a plan to develop ideas for regional transportation.
* Dedham received $102, 000 in HESSCO services for the month of February.

Old Business/New Business:

* Only one report has been received from the Town Manager on the status of the daily work at the new senior center. It appears the low number of workers present on the site each day continues to be an issue.

Livable Dedham:

* In the area of housing, Livable Dedham is finishing work on a two part series on housing options. They are looking at accessory dwellings such as in-law apartments which involve zoning laws and investigating housing and support services for those who wish to remain in their home. The first public meeting is on April 22nd at the Middle School.
* The group is also looking to use grant money and funds from the town to complete a public land inventory.

Motion made by Geri, seconded by Diane, to adjourn. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.