

Council on Aging Meeting/Zoom Wednesday, June 3, 2:00, 2020

Present: Karen Johnson, Linda Chute, Deb Greene, Nancy Puckett, Joanne Grenham, Jean Kopke

Guests: Tricia Pepe & Jayne Carthas COA employees, Shanna Faro Ex. Sec, Selectmen Eric Beckerman

No meetings were held in Feb, March, April or May.

Old Business: A motion was made and 2nd to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2020 meeting.

New Business: The free lunches from Butler School will be ending on June 16th. The seniors will be notified with a note in the lunch bag and there are 3 additional options in the June COA newsletter for anyone needing food service.

Eric told the board that Gene Mazzella resign the director's position effective Monday June 1, 202. There will be an interview committee set up; there has already been interest in the position.

The PEBT program was explained by Eric. It's a program for school age children who qualify for reduced or free lunches.

Reopening the town offices and COA was discussed, no solid plans yet. Nancy asked if there will be masks available for the seniors when they return for lunches. The Purell Dispensers have been installed and masks have been purchased.

The kitchen staff was discussed. It is a 2 person position with the second position being the Assistant. Shanna said there is a hiring freeze right now but there is funding for a 2nd position. Eric will check into this, a second person will be needed when lunches resume.

There was a question about the storage container/shed that was purchased. It is being stored at the town hall right now.

The need for new window shades in the lunch room was discussed. The board will get information and prices.

Karen will meet with Greg and Shanna to go over what is left in the budget this year and what needs to be encumbered, and the amount in the gift account.

The Tufts grant is a Healthy for Life Grant. It was suggested to use some money for a nutritional person to help plan the lunch menu with Cindy. Another possibility was to use some funds to set up a Friends of the COA Group.

The OCES and OCPC need a interim appointee. They meet once a month. Nancy said she would be interested and would like to get more information on it.

It was suggested to announce in the July COA newsletter that Gene Mazzella has resigned.

A motion was made by Deb Greene to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Nancy Puckett. Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

The next meeting will be: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary