

**Commission on Aging
Regular Meeting
Marlborough Town Hall
Thursday February 15, 2024
4:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

Colleen Kaplan called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. Members present were Donna Mosher and Barbara Armfield.

Absent: Melissa Jordan

Also present: Louise Concodello, Board of Selectmen and Vi Schwarzmann, Senior Center Director (4:17 PM)

2. Approval of January 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

D. Mosher made a motion to accept the January 18, 2024 minutes as submitted. B. Armfield seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Public Comments

None

4. Update: Senior Center Director and Parks and Recreation Director

C. Kaplan reported she met with V. Schwarzmann at the Senior Center to discuss having a musical entertainer at the Senior Center in the upcoming months. Nothing was planned at this time.

C. Kaplan noted at the January 18, 2024 meeting the Senior Center Director reported a blood drive was scheduled for February 4, 2024. The date was incorrect, the blood drive is March 4, 2024.

There was discussion regarding the COA's request for a sandwich board for announcements outside the Senior Center. L. Concodello commented a sandwich board arrived at town hall today.

V. Schwarzmann (Senior Center Director) arrived at this time

V. Schwarzmann discussed a singer that was scheduled last December. She had planned the event at the school to involve students from MECCA and senior citizens. There was a problem because the singer was not allowed to use the school and the children were not able to walk to the Senior Center. The singer instead entertained at the Senior Center with a small number of seniors in the audience. C. Kaplan noted the commission would like to have intergeneration events that are held at the Senior Center.

Vi Schwarzmann reported AARP Tax Assistance is currently underway. Other upcoming programs include: "Loneliness and Social Isolation" tentatively scheduled for Wednesday February 21st and a Blood Drive on March 4th. V. Schwarzmann reported she ordered a sandwich board. C. Kaplan noted it would be beneficial to know the number of people who utilize the tax assistance.

There was discussion regarding senior transportation. Transportation is currently available only 3 days per week. V. Schwarzmann noted the previous senior bus was in need of repairs and she believes it is parked at the town garage. She was told it was too expensive to fix. She questioned if

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it can be looked at again and possibly repaired. C. Kaplan questioned how to get additional transportation for seniors. L. Concodello suggested a letter from the COA to the Town Manager.

4. Updates From Visits to Other Senior Centers

No update

5. Need for alternate - suggestions

C. Kaplan reported there are openings on the commission and to spread the word. There was discussion regarding how to get a list of all seniors in Marlborough. There was discussion regarding how to know if there is a senior in need. C. Kaplan noted there should be some type of formal plan that can be followed.

6. Bingo

C. Kaplan reported Bingo was successful with 20-30 people in attendance. It will continue the fourth Sunday of each month.

7. Events

B. Armfield reported she visited the library and asked if she could show one of their movies at the Senior Center. She was informed that she could not. She noted that Hebron has monthly movies and will inquire as to how they do it. V. Schwarzmann noted that movies can be shown on the white board in the Senior Center using a computer.

There was discussion regarding planning a St. Patrick's Day event and step dancing was suggested. C. Kaplan questioned if COA members can bring in food for the event. Perhaps crock pots. V. Shwarzmann noted there are electrical outlets for crock pots. She added that the kitchen has commercial appliances and she would prefer someone with experience to use them.

8. Adjourn

B. Armfield made a motion to adjourn at 5:02 PM. D. Mosher seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson, Board Clerk