

BROCKTON COUNCIL ON AGING  
COA BOARD ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2021

Present: R. Bath, D. Andrews, C. DeLorey, C. Reichenberg, D. Clague, I. Clague, J. Fuller-Jones, R. Graham, J. Madden, H. Soones

Guest: Velma Forde

Minutes of 5/3/2021 approved

Treasurer's report: Lilian working with bank to obtain current figures

Director's report: Soft re-opening began June 1<sup>st</sup>, face mask will still be required until Brockton is in the green for 2 weeks, Neighborhood Health Center made \$50,000 donation for the COA work on vaccine roll out and it will go to The Friends, floors have been cleaned and re-waxed, BEMA purchased fans and AC's which will be distributed to Brockton seniors and vets who request them through an application which is on line, please fill out and return the Volunteer Waiver Form, July 12 is grandparents and grandchild vaccine site at COA, 2 pickleball courts are at the high school, June is the last month for the food commodity, Janice going before Finance Committee to ask for line item increases, more volunteers are needed and new committees should be created in September – approved

Michelle's report: Wed June 15<sup>th</sup> is Elder Abuse Awareness Day (signs are available), in person activities have begun (call for sign up required for all activities) – approved

Dottie's report: seeing people in person on Wed, many seniors are losing their apartments due to rent increases, more senior housing is needed in the city, food commodity is ending at the COA but no one

will go hungry as there are many other options in the city and @ the Stoughton Y.

Building Committee: parking lot will be finished this month with the coating and lining, interior changes will include an updated computer room, new movie area changes, screen and sound systems in large room, meeting today at 2 with W B Mason.

New Business: Richard's time as Chair is ending, Jean Fuller-Jones was nominated and accepted as new Chair, D. Andrews, C. Reichenberg and C. DeLorey agreed and were accepted to remain in office

Velma Forde: nursing student focusing on senior falls and balance, questioned seniors' knowledge of COA, 4,000 monthly newsletters mailed, brochures are available, info is on city website

Jeanne: House bill 205 needs support for the Home Loan Modification grant program which supplies grants up to \$5,000 to home repairs based on income, call Representatives and Senators

Janice: Thank you to Richard for his years of Chairmanship and hard work

Next meeting: September 13, 2021