

Minutes of the COA Board Meeting held March 15, 2021 (Virtual Meeting per Town of Mansfield)

Present: Richard Kelsay, Mary Hourigan, Tom Keogh, Joan Hoey, Neal Boldrighini, Lee Ann Cerretani, Josephine Madrazo, Director, and Lynette Boldrighini, Assist. Director.

Call to order: Board Chairman Richard Kelsay opened the meeting at 4:33 PM with a reading of the Massachusetts Regulations governing virtual meetings.

Minutes of the Board Meeting from February 23, 2021: Minutes of the said meeting were examined, Joan made a motion to accept them as is and Tom seconded the motion. No discussion and minutes were accepted by a unanimous roll call vote of the Board.

Estimated Budget Status to Date, Warrants, and Treasurer's Report: Josephine called attention to the financial reports presented. Josephine explained it was for purchases pertaining to Grab Bags distribution. The budget was status quo. After no further discussion or comments, Mary moved to accept the reports, and Joan second them, passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the board.

Treasurer's Report: Tom stated that the gift account balance is \$6073.45. Tom stated that one of the Board's goals is to provide the financials on a one-page document; he is working towards that goal. Formula Grant was added to the Budget on file. Neal made a motion to accept and Mary second, passed with a roll call vote, 5 accepting and 1 abstaining.

Correspondence: None

Director's Report: Director, Josephine Madrazo, reported that the Fire Department administered Covid Vaccines to the Senior Housing population as well as Seniors that are homebound. Fire Department also held a small Vaccination Clinic at the COA for 60 seniors. The staff has been busy assisting Mansfield Seniors in scheduling appointments at Gillette Stadium. Mary asked Josephine to please thank the staff for their efforts, having received positive feedback on their behalf, saying that they have stepped up to the task. Dick reiterated Mary's sentiments. Neal asked the director of the Fire Department if limited vaccines based on CDC recommendations to bring them to our community. Josephine stated that to be true and that it is hard to equate with so few vaccines available and people are extremely frustrated. A new system has been put in place by that state that allows people to preregister for vaccines. Leanne mentioned that many of the Physician Groups like Atrius, Sturdy, and Partners are in fact reaching out to their patients to be vaccinated. Partner's Group was vaccinating at their Needham Facility. Joan stated that Beth Israel/Deaconess was contacting patients to be vaccinated at their Longwood Ave facility. GATRA has received funding for transportation to vaccination sites.

The Bereavement Group is going to be reintroduced in April, in person, with two sessions due to restrictions. Tina Walsh was going to start her program "Living Your Best Life", a 10-session program aimed at helping people connect and learn tools to build resilience in the face of stress. Drive-up Meals continue to be a success. Two upcoming meals are scheduled, one March 24th honoring Gerry Abbott sponsored by her family and one April 15th sponsored by "Hearts to Home" a meal preparation delivery service. Drums Alive has expanded its days to include Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday made possible by the surrounding COA's sharing the costs and virtual platform to increase participation by seniors. Grab bags continue to be a hit, distributed monthly at the COA and bi-monthly at Senior Housing. Bags contain activities, crafts as well as informative handouts. The Town Trash & Recycling Survey was added to the March bag.

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On Wednesday, March 17th, Director Josephine Madrazo and Board Chair Dick Kelsay will be attending the Select Board's Meeting. Town department heads will give a brief synopsis of their department's progress during Covid.

Leanne asked if children going back to school was any indication that we may have on-site participation for our seniors. Josephine said there was no talk of it at this time but it will be a collaboration between the Town Manager, Health Agent, and Fire Chief. When we will be able to add more on-site activities is unknown and most likely it will be uniform across the town.

Old Business: There being no April meeting scheduled, Chair Dick Kelsay asked the board if there was an interest in scheduling a meeting. Josephine said if there is an interest that she would ask about an alternative date. Board members agreed they would like to meet in April. Josephine reminded the board that there was to be a Slate of Officers and an Annual meeting in April. Dick mentioned it is not on the agenda and would need to be added to April's Agenda pushing things back to May. Board agreed upon moving the Annual Meeting to May on February 23, 2021, with an affirmative vote. Dick also mentioned that the Vice-Chair vacated by Norma Smith had not been filled. Neal made a motion to check for an April date, seconded by Joan, passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Board.

New Business: Programing for the center with ideas from the board on how to reach seniors either home-bound or virtually was discussed. Director feels that the transition to in-person activities needed to be slow and small steps taken so that everyone feels safe. Mary asked Josephine what the board could do to help, what would engage people, what type of programing would make people leave their homes. Josephine discussed a program that she felt would be beneficial to the seniors at the center focusing on instruction in the use of a tablet or iPad-like device. Josephine had a meeting with instructor Rick Sterling about exploring options for such a program and if purchasing iPads even be plausible. Dick mentioned that purchasing a significant number of devices could be pricey. Dick asked if maybe the Instructor could offer some cheaper alternative to folks to suit their needs. Mary asked how the devices would be used, would be lent out or given to seniors. Josephine explained that the person receiving the device would first have to participate in the program before being given the pad or before lending out the pad. Dick added that learning the basics could be very beneficial to participants. Joan agreed to say that most people don't have a grasp on how to use them. Mary reiterated that basics were important so that people could communicate with family at this time. The program was met with favorable response by the board. Dick asked Josephine to look into it further.

Dick is hopeful that by September we could be heading towards some type of modified opening or participation at the center.

With no other business before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Joan and seconded by Tom at 5:27 PM. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted, Lynette Boldrighini Assistant Director COA

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Voting Summary:

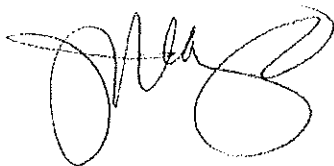
2021-01 A vote to accept Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Board Meeting. Motion by Joan Hoey, seconded by Tom Keogh. Vote Affirmative 6; Negative 0. Voting affirmative were Joan Hoey, Tom Keogh, Richard Kelsay, Mary Hourigan, Leanne Cerretani, and Neal Boldrighini.

2021-01 A vote to accept the Budget Status, Warrant, and Treasurer's Report. Motion by Mary Hourigan, seconded by Joan Hoey. Vote Affirmative 6; Negative 0. Voting affirmative were Joan Hoey, Mary Hourigan, Tom Keogh, Richard Kelsay, Leanne Cerretani, and Neal Boldrighini.

2021-01 A vote to accept Report by Treasurer Tom Keough. Motion by Neal Boldrighini to accept, seconded by Mary Hourigan. Vote Affirmative 5; Negative 0; 1 Abstained. Voting affirmative were Neal Boldrighini, Mary Hourigan, Joan Hoey, Leanne Cerretani, and Richard Kelsay.

2021-01 A vote to schedule an April Board Meeting. Motion by Neal Boldrighini to accept, seconded by Joan Hoey. Vote Affirmative 6; Negative 0. Voting affirmative were Richard Kelsay, Tom Keogh, Leanne Cerretani, Joan Hoey, Neal Boldrighini, and Mary Hourigan.

2021-01 All business completed a vote adjourn was made at 5:27 PM. Motion by Joan Hoey, seconded by Tom Keogh. Vote Affirmative 6; Negative 0. Voting Affirmative were Richard Kelsay, Joan Hoey, Tom Keogh, Leanne Cerretani, Mary Hourigan, and Neal Boldrighini.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Hoey', written in a cursive style.