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DATE: November 30, 2021
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Date: Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 7:33 PM

Subject: Minutes-October 4th Board meeting of the COA

Present: T. Olson, Chair, E. Sullivan Vice Chair, C. Qiang Lai, A. Paschal, M. Wayne, N. Niv-Vogel (Ex-Officio), J. Semuels, T. Dukas, J. Shapiro, J. Morrison
Absent-K. Donelan, M Paolillo Select Board Liaison & D Bickelman (Ex-Officio)

1. Call to order by T. Olson, Chr.

2. Citizens Concerns-M. Scali

Seniors are happy to be back on Mondays. Discussion concerns about scams-talked to K. Daley (Police Dept.) She is willing to come and speak to this subject. C. Qiang Lai discussed the problems with ping-pong and pool playing. Nava is willing to talk to the members who are concerned. T. Olson discussed phone calls that seniors are receiving from Amazon card and Visa.

3. Review of past minutes-

Voted to accept minutes of Sept 13, 2021. Nava stated there were two meeting date minutes that were different that need to be reviewed Nov. 14 as corrected to Nov. 4th and June 4th from June 1st correction. J. Semuels suggested wording to be, "To the best of our knowledge dates are confirmed to Nov. 4, 2019 and June 1, 2020."

4. Introduction of new member-K. Donelan- not present

5. N.Niv-Vogel report

Update- Town Structure Impact Group looking over the finance; issues of the Town. Anne Helgen from the committee asked about our budget back from 2015? Transportation is 30% of our budget. A. Helgen asked about outsourcing transportation to cab companies. Nava answered via phone her concerns, mentioning that seniors cannot do Uber, and our drivers are well trained. We provide more than what the Town budgets.

Why should the COA give rides? They help seniors be more independent. Our drivers are patient and understanding!!!

Our drivers are trained on how to handle Seniors. J. Semuels suggested A. Helgen check past Annual reports. Our Budget is 1% of the Town's budget!!! Our non-Town appropriation budget comes from donations -Friends of the COA, various donations, Grants and user fees. Judy will write a report. we have over 5k Seniors in Belmont!!

Oct 4th, Beech Street opened for first time on a Monday since COVID and was busier thanA ever!!

Staff Appreciation Lunch-outside Ellen and Tomi are planning, Members of the COA are furnishing food and supplies!

6. Friends of the COA-Concert- J. Semuels reported more money raised over \$6,000! (net). Revenues included \$7900 in sponsorships.

There were 13 corporate sponsors and 6 family sponsors.

Next Event-Craft Fair Sat. Nov. 20th. K. Nichols is the coordinator. Only 30-35 vendors will be allowed in the event. The Friends' annual meeting will be held over Zoom.

7. Old Business: At present all public meetings are held remotely. Nava appeared at the Burlington COA as a panelist in a hybrid meeting to educate seniors on mental health.

T. Olson hired someone to take a video of each Payson Park Concert.

N. Niv-Vogel- discussed the Age Friendly Action Committee which is charged with implementing the Plan. A COA member or two will represent our Board. Voted to appoint --J. Morrison and A. Paschal

will take turns serving-they will concentrate on: Housing: Accessory Units, General Transportations and outdoor spaces.

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted, M. Scali Secretary. pro-tem