



Town of Hingham
Council on Aging Board
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
1:00 PM
Minutes of Meeting

Remotely via Zoom

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In- Person

224 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

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Present:

David Alschuler
Joe Nevins
Cindy King
Jean Silverio
Christine Conley
Joe Millburg
Sara Smithson
Josh Ross
Jennifer Young, DES Director
Terry McDonald
Liz MacVarish, Minutes transcription

Absent:

Ethel Franks

1. Call to order – 1:00 PM Approval of December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes Postponed
2. Remarks - Updated listing sent out of members, some corrections necessary. Parking study is underway by Planning Department . Looking for peak times for parking usage. Study will be based on what traffic flow will look like after police dept. spaces are vacated. This is in addition to the RFQ which won't be affected. Hybrid Senior Center members will be included. David will send summary of meeting with Tom Mayo who thinks it will be easier to get an upgrade through Town Meeting after expenses for Public Safety Building, Foster School and Override. There was talk about getting other departments involved for a multi-use center and sending questionnaire. Jen suggested to exercise caution bringing in other departments when the option to expand is already on the table. Tom mentioned a Plan B is also on the table is Plan A isn't feasible. The thought is to take the 1/2 million dollars and split the feasibility for design and construction documents and

let the town decide what is going to best meet their needs. Building Committee RFQ to conduct feasibility study, received applications from 8 architecture firms, evaluation committee will pick top 3, interview and identify to whom feasibility study would be rewarded. Planning Board should have information to Tom by the end of next week. Ideally feasibility study would be done before Town Meeting.

3. Directors Report - Jen will be interviewed tomorrow by Harbor Media. Meeting with Executive office of elder affairs to talk about hybrid and zoom programs because Hingham outpaced other communities.

Budget presentation to Select Board on 12/13 and to Advisory on 12/20. Both the Select Boards and Advisory accepted the budget as presented with the addition of a FT Program Coordinator, PT Nutrition Coordinator and increase in Office Assistant hours from 12-20 per week.

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Hingham Department of Elder Services
Director's Report December 2022

Programs

- Delvena Theater Company performed "Christmas Carol" for a dinner theater event 12/6.
- Hingham Police Association hosted the annual luncheon 12/7.
- Joyful Kitchen cooking class returned for a special on 12/8.
- Shuttle bus ran two tours of Holiday Lights around Hingham. Both tours were at full capacity. 12/13 & 12/20.
- Holiday Ornaments with Caroline on 12/15.
- Low Vision Holiday Party 12/19.
- Senior Center Holiday party 12/20.

Program Statistics

	FY22	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.			
New Members	234	19	19	26	20	26	17				
Participation (unduplicated)*	855	309	314	384	422	388	354				
Participation (duplicated)*	15,416	1,499	1,500	1,642	1,808	1,581	1,482				
Number of In Person Programs (unduplicated)	84	37	36	47	48	39	48				
Number of Zoom/hybrid Programs (unduplicated)	27	15	14	15	14	14	14				
Number of Programs (duplicated)	2,089	195	204	202	210	207	215				
Medical Transportation Rides (unduplicated)	76	19	17	20	22	25	17				

Medical Transportation Rides (duplicated)	832	62	58	84	87	101	61				
Non- Medical Transportation Rides (unduplicated)	43	33	32	33	32	28	29				
Non- Medical Transportation Rides (duplicated)	1171	141	146	144	121	142	150				
Rides to Senior Center (unduplicated)	23	5	6	12	5	3	6				
Rides to Senior Center (duplicated)	242	14	12	19	12	5	18				
Volunteers** (unduplicated)	72	22	20	20	31	27	35				
Volunteer Hours** (duplicated)	3015	244	271	248	380	362	506				
Outreach (unduplicated)	171	38	54	50	59	65	29				
Outreach (duplicated)	394	69	84	63	90	100	51				

**Volunteer hours may not be reflected until the following month.

Other

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4. Committee Updates

- a. Marketing & Rebranding- Joe Nevins - Jen will be meeting with consultant soon to tweak last set of recommendations and will present final report at next meeting.
- b. Friends Study Committe - Training is available regarding friends group and Fundraising. Need people who are connected and interested in giving money.
- c. Senior Center Building Committee- Jean Silverio - see above

5. Volunteer Program

- a. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April 11th will be held at senior center, more details to follow.

6. Program Evaluations - Jen wants to get back to understanding how seniors are receiving what is being put out to them.

7. Future Meeting Schedule - February 14th

8. Other Business - Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance - NA

9. Future Agenda Items - State has awarded Hingham \$25,000
10. Public Comment - NA
11. Adjournment 1:48 PM