



Town of Hingham
Council on Aging Board
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
1:00 PM

Remotely via Zoom

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In- Person

224 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

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Attending:

DAVID AISCHNER, Chair

CHRISTINE CONLEY

EUNEI FRANKS

CINDY KING-FRODE

KAREN JOHNSON

JOSHUA KOSS

JEAN SILVERIO

SARA SIMMONSON

JENNIER YOUNG, DES DIRECTOR

LIZ MACVARIAN, MINUTES TRANSCRIBER

Not Attending:

JOE MILBURG, Vice Chair

1. Call to order – Chair - Meeting called to order 1:00 pm
2. Remarks - Chair and Vice Chair - Discussion regarding email David sent regarding parking study. Copies of parking study and David's letter were distributed yesterday. David would like things to move forward and build on momentum of favorable Town Meeting vote.

3. Directors Report

Programs

- 2023 Volunteer Luncheon on April 11, 2023. Representative Joan Meschino and State Senator Patrick O'Connor presented the recipients of the Earle Dare Mable Volunteer of the Year Awards with citations for the House and Senate. Recipients were Peggy Hughes- 2020, Dawn Sibor- 2021 and Joe Millburg- 2022
- Animal Adventures gave an intergenerational program during school vacation week bringing an owl, boa constrictor, chinchilla, ferret and a kangaroo.
- Triad Roundtable discussion was held on April 25th after 3 years of cancellations and reschedules. District Attorney Tim Cruz sat with his staff, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Outreach staff, Hingham Fire, PD and senior center staff to discuss the goal and benefits of establishing a Triad program. The next step is to identify interested seniors to establish a Triad program for the HSC.
- Town Meeting approved the department's additional request to fund a Full Time Program Coordinator and to retain the transportation program.

Program Statistics

	FY22	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr
New Members	234	19	19	26	20	26	17	6	7	12	16
Participation (unduplicated)*	855	309	314	384	422	388	354	275	245	333	273
Participation (duplicated)*	15,416	1,499	1,500	1,642	1,808	1,581	1,482	1,092	919	1,110	966
In Person Programs (unduplicated)	84	37	36	47	48	39	48	54	60	50	56
Zoom/hybrid Programs (unduplicated)	27	15	14	15	14	14	14	11	12	11	11
Programs (duplicated)	2,089	195	204	202	210	207	215	173	192	223	206
Medical Transportation Rides (unduplicated)	76	19	17	20	22	25	17	23	22	19	16
Medical Transportation Rides (duplicated)	832	62	58	84	87	101	61	93	65	79	53
Non- Medical Rides (unduplicated)	43	33	32	33	32	28	29	20	23	18	20
Non- Medical Rides (duplicated)	1171	141	146	144	121	142	150	84	86	84	83
Rides to Senior Center (unduplicated)	23	5	6	12	5	3	6	5	7	3	3
Rides to Senior Center (duplicated)	242	14	12	19	12	5	18	25	31	38	30

Volunteers** (unduplicated)	72	22	20	20	31	27	35	31	25	31	31
Volunteer Hours** (duplicated)	3015	244	271	248	380	362	506	314	234	389	294
Outreach (unduplicated)	171	38	54	50	59	65	29	35	25	42	33
Outreach (duplicated)	394	69	84	63	90	100	51	50	37	58	45

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

Other

- Elder Services received its first electronic donation.
 - The Department worked with the Treasurer's Office to establish an electronic donation option.
 - To donate online, go to the Town of Hingham website, click on the *How Do I* button at the top on the right hand side, then on the left-hand side of the page, click on *Donate*. Under *Transactions*, click on *Senior Center*. Complete the blank fields as required. Transaction fees apply based on the transaction amount. The fee for an electronic check is \$.50.
 - We are the recipient of an economic development grant from the State which every town receives. We will receive \$25,000 and will update kitchen equipment. Also an additional \$16,000 will come from the state and Jen would like to use that fund a nutrition counselor. 5310 community transit grant will replace 2014 van.

- 4. 2022 Annual Town Meeting - The passage of the override will allow funding for a much needed additional staff person.

- 5. Parking Analysis - Emily Wentworth did a very traditional plan to solve problem, but there are some assumptions in that analysis that aren't particularly informative. David sent thoughts to Tom Carey who distributed among Building Committee members. He'll be attending their meeting this afternoon.

- 6. Committee Updates
 - a. Friends Study Committee- Cindy King-Frode - Dick Ponce has been very active in recruiting people for this committee.
 - b. Senior Center Building Committee- Jean Silverio - Josh asked if building committee has a timeline to accomplish its goal and he believes its the time to move now as there are no other big items on Town's agenda. Suggestions made to speak with other towns who have done this already and find out what alternate sites are being considered. Suggestion also made to speak with the two other building committees in town right now who have a lot of experience. Jean will mention it tonight at Building Committee meeting.
 - c. Nominating Committee - Chair is supposed to rotate every two years. Sara Jean and (a 3rd member) will head nominating committee.

- 7. Volunteer Program
 - a. Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April - Quite Lovely.

8. Rebranding - Jen spoke with Art last week and learned name change has to go to Town Meeting. Jen wants to move forward before next Town Meeting and get out who we are and what we do. Hingham Anchor wants to have a section about Senior Center programs and information which will get rebranding idea out to public.
9. South Shore Elder Services Update - N/A
10. Future Meeting Schedule - June 13, 2023
11. Other Business - Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance
12. Future Agenda Items - N/A
13. Public Comment - N/A
14. Adjournment - motion made, seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned 1:57 pm.