

## COA Advisory Board meeting minutes of September 11, 2023

### Present

R. Gorden, M. Kempner, J. Shapiro, R. Lopez, E. Feldman, R. Maidman, J. Cooperman, B. Caruso, H. Switekowski (Select Board liaison to COA)

### Absent

R. Edelston, B. Gladstone, N. Grossman, Sui-Wen Yang, Paul Remy

Meeting called to order 2:30 PM

Unanimous approval of August 22 meeting minutes

### Director's Report (Beth Caruso)

- Attendance continues to increase, both for programs and drop-ins. The entrance door counter, for monthly metrics tracking, will be researched.
- COA Board Members are encouraged to attend events and assist at special programs such as parties etc.
- Interviews have been held for the Outreach Coordinator position; pending review, an offer should be issued before the end of September.
- The Memory Café will now resume November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The COA has been invited to participate in Sharon Day (October 2) events. Beth and the Board declined for this year but discussion will be added to this meeting agenda ahead of next year's event. (Perhaps a joint table with FSCOA?)
- The COA will participate in Trunk or Treat October 29, site to be advised by the Recreation Department. Looking for volunteers.
- The Lakeside Gallery will have an exhibit opening of Retrospective by Nancy Wluka on Thursday September 21. Please attend.
- 500 Covid tests were provided by the Walpole VNA. All have been taken and we have not been advised if or when more will be made available.
- SHS National Honor Society has begun planning for the fall clean-up event (date to be advised). Beth will assist with publicity to ensure that every Sharon senior in need is accommodated.
- R. Maidman and Beth will meet with the SHS principal and her assistant the week of October 11 to organize selective programming to begin in the Spring semester.
- We are waiting for guidance from the Massachusetts General Hospital Nursing School on the geriatric research program presented last year. Ruth Lopez will keep us informed.

### Committee Updates

- No reports for HESSCO, FSCOA, AARP, and Disabilities this month. These assignments are being evaluated to determine how best to proceed.

### Other Items

- Nearly all Board members have completed the State Ethics Compliance.
- For the 2023-24 meeting year, Rob Maidman was elected Chair and Eliot Feldman Vice-Chair. Neil Grossman will be asked at the October meeting if he will continue as Recording Secretary.
- Suggested future guests: Peter Botello (Superintendent of Schools), Stephen Coffey (Police Chief), Michael Madden (Fire Chief), Linda Berger (Recreation Director), Mark Hogan (Town Clerk), Patrick McDermott (Norfolk County Sheriff), Fred Turkington (Town Administrator), (Krishan Gupta (Director of Finance)

**Next COA Board meeting: Monday October 16, 2.30 pm at the Adult Center**

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Maidman, Chair