**COUNCIL OF ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING**

 Date: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 Time: 9:38 a.m.

Venue: Historical Room/ Hanson Public Library

Those in Attendance: Susan Gagnon, David King, Stephanie McSweeney, Mike Saya, Elizabeth Stevens, and Mary Collins.

 Excused Absence: George Copelan

d Unexcused Absence: Linda Philbrook

Guest: Matthew Dyer, candidate for Selectman

Meeting called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Vice Chair Stephanie McSweeney in the absence of Chair Linda Philbrook

April meeting minutes were read and accepted with correction.

Report of Director and Discussion:

● Mary reported on the April events;

○ The April 5 Opening Day at Fenway BBQ was well attended.

○ Josh Wolff, new Recreation Director, attended Mike McCue’s Coffee Hour on April 11. Josh was very open to new ideas.

 ○ The Men’s Club Breakfast took place on April 12.

○ Karaoke with Rick took place on April 12 as well, and was great fun.

● Mary reported on the events coming up in May:

 ○ On Wednesday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. is Coffee and Conversation with our Town Administrator, Mike McCue.

 ○ On Thursday May 10 is the Men’s Club Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.

 ○ On May 10 at 10:00 a.m. an Elder Law Education Program will be presented by MA chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. The focus will be on Estate Planning and Probate.

○ On Saturday, May 12 the Friend’s group will hold a Free Document Shredding Event with BBQ and music with the Joneses from 11:00a.m.-2:00 p.m. There will be a Silent Auction as well.

○ On May 14 at 1:00 p.m. the Caregivers’ group will meet.

○ On May 24 at 10:00 a.m. is the Woman 2 Woman Group Breakfast.

 ○ On Tuesday May 29 at noon is the Memorial Day BBQ followed by Karaoke with Rick as the “unofficial kick-off” to summer.

○ The Quilting Group will be starting up on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

○ Tai Chi is on hold for the time being.

 ● May Town Meeting Article;

○ Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting will come up for a vote on May 7. The article asks for funding for new flooring for the Senior Center and Community room.

● New Hire:

○ Mary Ellen Buckley was presented to the Selectman last evening as the new Volunteer/Intergenerational Coordinator. She has an extensive background as an administrative assistant in the private sector, and is currently a volunteer in our Supportive Day Care.

● SHINE Training:

○ Joan Smith is our current counselor. Mary has been accepted in the counselor training program. She will be training on Wednesdays and Fridays from May 16 - June 22.

Report of Council Chair - in the absence of the Chair there was nothing to report.

Report of Council Representatives to:

● Norwell VNA and Hospice - They are doing a wonderful job with the blood pressure clinics. Mary is waiting for the contract for the next fiscal year.

 ● OCES - Mary has been appointed to the board for next year.

 ● OCPC - Linda unavailable to report

● Salvation Army - very quiet

 ● Friend’s Group - Holding a big event on May 12.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

● Tom Bulger, a student at Roxbury Latin in the Independent Study Program, comes in to help our Custodian, Mal Hession. Together they have created a storage bench for our patio and gardening benches. The Tree of Life has been placed above the fireplace, and the TV will be placed on the wall for better visibility.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

​Susan Gagnon Secretary