

COUNCIL ON AGING HYBRID BOARD MEETING - August 4, 2021

1. David Ketchum called the hybrid meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Chris Hottle read the opening statement per MA remote meeting law and will serve as Moderator. This recording is slightly different than previous remote meetings, as there are in person and remote Board members attending.

Members present via roll call: David Ketchum (in person), Penny Sutter (remote), Deb Meadows (remote), and Barb Yates (remote).

Staff present: Chris Hottle (in person).

2. Public comments: None

3. MOTION made by David Ketchum to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Barb Yates. **MOTION** carried 4 – 0.

4. Director's Report:

- The COVID 19 testing will continue in the COA parking lot through August 21, 2021. The in person programs are currently halted as a result of that and the increase of the Delta variant numbers in town. The current procedures will continue like this until the Town's numbers drop dramatically.
- Per the CDC, older adults are still at higher risk because of a greater number of co-morbidities.
- Because of the COVID testing site, the school has allowed the COA Mobile Pantry to use their driveway. Four employees and four volunteers are staffing the operation.
- The van operations are still in place, but the number of riders is back down to one at a time.
- The Human Services agencies will remain remote but will continue to service the citizens.
- The garden is still growing and the herbs and vegetables are being used for the Wednesday lunches. One volunteer is maintaining all of the plants.
- September is Senior Center Month. The COA will sponsor an event outdoors on September 15th at Motta Field.

5. Old Business:

- The COA 50th anniversary is in 2022. Planning has begun to involve the whole town, town officials, and provide food and music. The COA wishes to emphasize the "Shifting Cultural Perceptions of Aging".
- VMCC building updates: The 6-7 leaks in the roof still remain. The walk-in freezer and refrigerator have been installed. The freezer needs to be repaired, as it maintains too low of a temperature. There are currently no

parts available to repair it. The staff has shut the freezer down and is using the old one.

6. New Business:

- There is no new business

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. It will be a hybrid style meeting, allowing for in person and remote. **MOTION** made by David Ketchum to approve this style and date. Debbie Meadows seconded the motion. The **MOTION** carried 4 – 0.

8. **MOTION** made by Barb Yates to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Debbie Meadows. The **MOTION** carried 4 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Debbie Meadows
Clerk