

COUNCIL ON AGING REMOTE BOARD MEETING - May 5, 2021

1. David Ketchum called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m.

Chris Hottle read the opening statement per MA remote meeting law and will serve as Moderator.

Members present via roll call: David Ketchum, Penny Sutter, Deb Meadows, Julie Knapp, Barb Yates and Kathryn Menangas.

Staff present: Chris Hottle

2. Public comments: None

3. Motion made by Julie Knapp to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes as presented. Seconded by Penny Sutter. **Motion** carried 4 – 0.

4. Director's Report:

- Town Meeting article to approve Article 28 SENIOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM voted on May 1, 2021 and passed. This amends the Town's acceptance of the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59 & 5K.....to allow a Senior to appoint an authorized representative to provide services to the Town in order to receive a Senior Tax Credit.
- No new reopening date yet determined. It will be a gradual reopening. COVID protocol will be strictly adhered to.
- The Program Assistant position has been posted and May 15th is the application deadline. This position will increase in duties following the reopening of the dining room.
- The most recent population census shows Provincetown to have 1400+ residents over 60 years of age, up from 938.
- A movie licensing law has changed, which restricts the advertising of movie titles. The COA will continue showing movies, but will not be able to show the titles on the website or in the newsletter.
- The COA is applying for a grant to address food insecurity and socialization through gardening and using the food for the lunch program.
- COA is looking to encourage bequests. Currently, bequests have paid for cooking and kitchen supplies and medical transportation.
- Chris Hottle drew the Board's attention to the greatly depleted population of home health care providers on the Cape. It now affects the Upper Cape as well. This has been a year round problem for Provincetown.

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. New LED interior lights have been installed.
- The walk-in freezer and refrigerator will have replacement mechanisms installed with money from an approved grant.
- The COA will continue to honor the mask wearing, hand sanitizing and social distancing practices.

6. New Business:

- No New Business was presented.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. **Motion** made by Penny Sutter to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deb Meadows. Motion carried 4 - 0.

8. The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Deb Meadows
Clerk