

Council on Aging Board Committee
Natick Community-Senior Center, 117 East Central Street, Natick, MA 01760
Monday October 15, 2018, 7:00PM
Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: William Grome, Chair, Andrew Eschtruth, Vice Chair, Elaine Ostroff, Secretary, Roberta Ciarfella, Judy Keefe, Harriet Markowitz, Elaine Ostroff, Connie Pitt, Salvatore Pandolfo

Board Members Absent:

Associate Members in Attendance: Karen Oakley

Representatives from other organizations in attendance: Jeffery Curran, Friends of the Natick Senior Center

Chair William Grome opened the meeting at 7pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions – Bill welcomed new member Connie Pitt to the Board
2. Public Concerns
3. Guest Speakers: Cathy Collins, (Finance Committee) distributed and provided a presentation on the 2018 Fall Annual Town Meeting - Proposed Amendment to Article 32: Inclusionary Housing Requirements. Cathy spoke to revision in the article, formulas relative to affordable housing provision, waivers and lottery considerations.
4. Council on Aging Director Report, Susan Ramsey, Director
 - a. New Programs Update – Ukelele lessons began today; reviewing property tax work off program; staffing pattern and responsibilities of office staff and is hopeful pickleball will begin this Fall. Susan solicited input from the board on expanding “open table/studio” opportunities.
 - b. Council on Aging 50th Anniversary – March 25th will mark the 50th Anniversary for the COA. Convening a small committee – Plan to create time line, event to mark the occasion
 - c. Other – The Metrowest YMCA will be awarded the Fitness Training at the 11/29 meeting of the Selectmen.
5. Chair’s Report, William Grome
 - a. Upcoming Events: Bill announced the following events and asked for volunteers: Sen. Spilka Health & Wellness Fair (10/27), COA Slice of Pie(11/15) and Holiday Party (12/7)
 - b. Sub-committee Review : Bill asked current committee to designate goals for the year; and for members to email him additional interest/issue areas for the board to review.
 - c. FY 19 Meeting Schedule distributed for review
 - d. Other – Board Member Orientation –recommended be reviewed once all position are filled

6. Liaison Reports
 - a. Friend's of the Natick Senior Center – Judy Keefe – no meeting
 - b. BayPath Elder Services – Harriet Merkwowitz reported BayPath an extremely effective organization. She has been asked to sit on their nominating committee.

7. Committee Reports
 - a. Rules of Governance – Sal Pandolfo – No meeting
 - b. Housing – Roberta Ciarfella – no meeting
 - c. Diversity - no meeting
 - d. Strategic Planning – no meeting

8. COA Board Concerns

9. Director Concerns – Susan Ramsey announced she has been asked by Atty. Arthur Bergeron to host a monthly cable TV program with Pegasus.

10. Secretary's Report – Minutes of September 10, 2018 Motion made by Sal Pandolfo to accept with corrections as noted, seconded by Judy Keefe, voted and approved.

11. Other – Connie Pitt introduced herself noting she moved to Natick a year ago; recently retired from working in the IT field for 40+ years and is interested in assisting with HR and computer programs.

It was suggested that Karen Oakley be voted in as an Associate Member at the next Board meeting.

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm