



Town of Ayer
Council on Aging Board Meeting
January 9, 2024, 2:00pm
Ayer Senior Center

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3-12-2024
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COA
Clerk

Agenda:  council_on_aging_board_of_directors_meeting_agenda_january_9_2024_2pm.pdf

Present

Dennis Curran, Chairperson

Marge Withee, Clerk

Mary Markham, Member

Robert Gardner, Member

Katie Petrossi, COA Director

Carly Antonellis, Assistant Town Clerk

Absent

Janine Nichipor, Member

1. Call to Order – 2:07

2. Approve/Amend Agenda-

- a. M. Markham made motion to approve 4-0 motion accepted

Directors Report



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3. Follow up re: Wheelchair Ramp at Pleasant Street Park.

D. Curran attended the DPW Board meeting in December to bring this issue up. Explaining what would be potentially helpful. The disabilities committee agreed with this. Town of Ayer Disabilities Commission Drafted letter to Ayer Housing Authority about their support of Pleasant Street Park updates.



Draft Letter AHA -WC
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M. Markham made a motion to approve the draft letter to be sent from the Ayer Disabilities Committee to the Ayer Housing Authority. Vote: Unanimous yes

4. Future Topics for Newsletter

- a. D. Curran recognized M. Markham's article in last month's Newsletter.
- b. March Topic D. Curran will be working on this. April requested also.
- c. B Gibbons (public) would like pages numbered.
- d. Advocacy and education for seniors suggested for COA board articles.

5. Ideas for Board members future projects.

- a. D. Curran would like to look into being active with MART
 - b. M. Markham brought up events in which the Senior Center uses the other room which is attached by kitchen door. Hope for potential ability to make some cosmetic improvements on it. There are some indications that improvements are being made by the Ayer Housing Authority.
 - c. M. Markham brought up potential for Guidelines for "How a Board Works" for future use. C. Antonellis states there is one which the town sends out when Board members are elected. Education on process for this including the Town Manager. D. Curran suggests that the board should review and implement for the COA board.
 - d. K. Petrossi discussed the advantage of COA board assisting with projects, grant writing, and more outreach. Surveying programs, night hours, and event preferences. Tracking progress, M. Markham would like to create spreadsheet. Table at Voting in April, potential giveaways, information, and visibility. Van will be again offering rides for voting.
 - e. Senior Center Building committee update given.
 - f. D. Curran updated on Ayer Public Community Television in which they have hired. Scheduling issues will be addressed by the APAC team.
- D. Curran made motion to adjourn meeting.
- M. Markham seconded the motion.
- Meeting Adjourned