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Council of Aging Board Meeting  
May 2, 2:00 P.M.  
COA Center, 18 R Pond Street, Ayer, MA 01432

In Attendance

COA Director Katie Petrossi  
COA Chairperson Dennis Curran  
COA Board Member Janine Nichipor  
COA Board Member Marge Withee , Acting Secretary  
A member of the public

: Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approve agenda
3. Public input
4. Approve Minutes
5. Board vacancies/ appointments
6. Director's monthly Senior Center report  
(please review report prior to meeting)
7. Missing item on agenda
8. Next steps in new senior center/community center process
9. Hiring search: outreach coordinator and social worker position
10. Old business
11. New business
12. Adjourn

1. Call to order

Chairperson Dennis Curran called the meeting to order at 2:08 P.M.

2. Approve agenda

"I make a motion that we approve the agenda for the May 3rd meeting."

Motion made by Janine Nichipor, seconded by Marge Withee, voted yes by Janine Nichipor, Marge Withee, and Dennis Curran.

3. Public Input

One person was present, and was very pleased with the programs at the Center. He expressed gratitude for the pegboard and exercise equipment recently added.

4. Approve Minutes    Deferred to June.

5. Board Vacancies /appointments "I make a motion to recommend Mary Markham and Bob Gardner to the COA Board." Motion made by Janine Nichipor, seconded by Dennis Curran, and voted on. Marge Withee voted yes, Janine Nichipor voted yes, and Dennis Curran voted yes, it will be sent to the Selectmen for appointment.
6. Director's monthly Senior Center report.
  - a) Meals are at capacity most days (24)
  - b) Board is in support of looking for additional Van/transportation support center
  - c) Thursday Meals on Wheels Volunteer IS needed.
7. No item on agenda
8. Next steps in new senior center/community center process
  - a) Residents interest for the board closed April 28th. The schedule of meetings is not set yet.
  - b) "Janine mentioned Article 97 of Massachusetts Law, and the ramifications it could have on the proposal to build a new Senior Center/Community Center on Pirone Park." and the application of it towards the use of Pirone Park, the site of the new Senior Center/Community Center.
9. Hiring search: outreach coordinator and social worker position
  - a) Interviewing candidates this week.
10. Old Business
  - a) Policies and procedures to be reviewed at next meeting. These were items Kevin and Ashley spent time rewriting for the center, as a guideline for policies at the Senior Center.
  - b) Branding. Should we have our own letterhead/ logo? Janine is willing to bring samples in.
11. New business

Next meeting is June 13th, 2:00 P.M. at Senior Center.
12. Adjourn "I make a motion to adjourn the COA board meeting". Motion made by Janine Nichipor, seconded by Marge Withee. All votes, Janine Nichipor, Marge Withee and Dennis Curran were yes.

Items entered: the Director's report was presented, Article 97 was mentioned, but not entered.

*D. A. Curran*  
Chair  
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