

Town of Ayer

Council on Aging

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Memorandum

Date: September 20, 2021
To: Town Manager Robert Pontbriand
From: Kevin A. Johnston *KAS*
Subject: Monthly Report – August 2021

The August 2021 monthly report for the Council on Aging includes the following information:

Senior Center

- In August 2021, the Senior Center remained closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Debora Keohane began employment as Outreach Coordinator at the Senior Center on August 9th.

Transportation Program

- The MART Van operations continued as scheduled in August. Ridership and van use continues to remain consistent with the van use since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The MART Van Coordinator continues to answer phone messages and scheduling MART van pickups.

Nutrition Program

- The COVID 19 restriction on congregate meals at the Senior Center continued in August.
- Meals on Wheels delivery was completed on Tuesday and Thursday each week in August.
- This meal delivery schedule will remain in place until congregate meals are able to resume.

COA Director Position

- An Interview Panel including the Assistant Town Manager, Shirley COA Director, a member of the COA Board of Directors, the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health Community Health Manager and the Benefits and Payroll Manager conducted interviews on August 2, 2021. At the conclusion of the interviews the panel voted unanimously to present Kathryn Petrossi, PhD to the Town Manager for appointment as the COA Director.
- The Town Manager presented this appointment to the Select Board for ratification at the Select Board meeting on August 17th; the Select Board unanimously ratified the appointment of Kathryn Petrossi, PhD as COA Director beginning September 1, 2021.