

## **Director's Report for March 2022**

### **Ayer Senior Center / Council on Aging**

#### **Virtual Board Meetings:**

March is the last month for virtual-only town meetings. From April 1 forward, meetings will be a hybrid format: we can meet in person but will still need to have zoom running to allow for remote participation. Not sure about recording.

#### **Kitchen/Meals:**

We've spent almost all the COVID food grant funds. To date the grant has served 30 meals to 353 people with an average of \$12.73 per meal. There are food supplies left to serve 6 additional meals in March & April. With each leftover meal, that cost per person will come down.

In conversation with Coleman Catering in Groton about providing one meal per week, to carry us through the end of FY '22. Will consider it a trial period, to see if this type of arrangement is a viable solution to our kitchen woes.

#### **Budget:**

Met with Town Manager to discuss revisions to the operating budget. Changes were necessary for two purposes:

1. The kitchen renovation isn't happening, and the Board of Health determined one-day permits would be available on a seasonal basis only.
2. Sam's upcoming extended vacation brought to light the need to have a per diem driver.

Donation Accounts: There is approximately \$6000 across several donation accounts. Need to determine if any are earmarked, before restructuring.

Next public budget forum is 3/16, all are welcome to attend via zoom.

#### **Programs:**

My Senior Center reporting statistics for February 2022:

- Seniors In Attendance (unduplicated): 77
- Total Event Sign-Ins (duplicated): 239
- Total Person-Programming Hours: 258

**\*\*These statistics do not count the approximately 25 Meals on Wheels clients & 48 van riders.**

We continue to add programming each month. In March exercise classes previously separated by mask preference were consolidated and targeted classes were added: knee therapy, hip therapy, arthritis relief. We joined One Day University – March classes include food & wine pairing, and first ladies. We started a Supper Club and will take MART Van trips to the American Heritage Museum and Butterfly Place.

#### **New Building:**

The Building Committee met again on 2/2. Highlights include: No more information was available on the Devens properties, a few additional properties were suggested. The group acknowledged that environmental concerns may be a factor in any/all of the sites considered. An environmental report will be pursued for West Main Street, which will hopefully put it decidedly on or off the table. Katie & Robert will draft an RFP. Robert will create a timeline for getting to the October Town Meeting. Alan will create a summary of CDBG and other funding available for the project. COA will draft a public outreach plan for after the site is selected. Next meeting: April 6 at 10am.

#### **Transportation:**

Sam will be on vacation April 11-22. We're actively trying to secure a substitute driver for this time, as well as a per diem driver going forward.

**Newsletter:** No updates

**Publicity & Outreach:** No updates