

**Ashland Council On Aging**  
**April 7, 2016**

**Guests:** Susan Wells, Alexis Christopher, Joanne Duffy, Clara Caya, Ellie Torelli, Lillian Feinberg, Stan Feinberg, & Michael Herbert

**Board Members:** Izzy Assencoa, Ed Brudz, Arthur Caya, Alice Smart, Barbara Thoreson, Diane Hansen, and James Zebrowski

**Absent:** Carol Love and Jay Winchenbach

**Meeting called to order at 10:08**

Council on Aging meeting minutes of March 3, 2016, were read. A motion was made by Arthur to accept minutes and seconded by Ed.

**Issues and discussions:**

Izzy brought up the fire escape plan. Training is now being started for the Community Center staff. A diagram showing exits and escape routes was done by Kim and family, great job Kim!

Joanne is working on new member training, she is shooting for a September date.

There will be a session scheduled on the open meeting laws. It has been suggested, one member from each board attend. The meeting will be held in the evening at the Community Center

A question was brought up regarding the senior budget. Joanne gets a total budget for the Community Center. She is willing to break out the portion relating to seniors.

Michael talked about getting tax relief programs out to the town's people. Questions were asked regarding the progress of Proposition 2 ½.

Jen Ball has been appointed, Assistant Town Manager. She has a background in safety. Izzy's main concern has always been the safety of our seniors. Michael was asked where he saw Ashland in the future. His response was a more built up town center.

The Veteran's Agent's Office has been relocated to the Ashland Community Center. This will be effective May 1, making him more accessible to our veterans.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Ed suggested that we start a Bocci League. Joanne said that there was one in the past and she will talk to Kim.

**Outreach Report:**

In the Outreach Report Sue included a copy of the UBER presentation to the Metrowest Council on Aging. This is a program operating successfully in Gainesville, FL.

The vendors contacted by BayPath are experiencing a shortage of workers. This is resulting in a delay of services once a client is approved.

The Boston hospital shuttle schedule will be included in the monthly Senior Newsletter.

Susan mentioned the generosity of the American Legion's donation of Market Basket gift cards to the Outreach Program.

**Directors Report:**

The participation numbers are exceeding last year's numbers for the same time period.

A thank you to Kim for the increased programs and the special days that she schedules.

The McAuliffe Museum trip at Framingham State got rave reviews. Well worth the trip.

Again, not having a BayPath representative was brought up. BayPath information is not getting back to the community.

Joanne will prepare a preliminary Best Practice Policy for review.

**Around the Table:**

Alice, Jim and Ed commented on how interesting the meetings have been. Arthur is happy to see the fire escape plan ready to be tested.

Izzy sends a thank you to the Friends of the Council on Aging, for the McAullife Museun trip.

A motion was made by Ed to adjourn the meeting at 11.50 and seconded by Arthur.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Hansen