

# Ashland Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2022

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## Called to order at 10:02 a.m.

### **Attendees:**

#### **Board Members**

Jean Delouchry

Joanne Fahy

Lisa Ugliodoro

Sara Perkett

Pat McHale

Diane Hansen

### **Guests:**

Ana Vladimirov (Program & Volunteer Coordinator) Deb Connaughton

Steve Mitchell (Select Board) Corinne Hickey

Candi Wilson (Outreach Coordinator) Marcia Wiles

**Mission Statement:** read by Diane Hansen

### **Citizen Participation:**

1. Steve talked about the most recent Select Board meeting where they discussed:
  - a. Borrowing money for the Public Safety building and the Mindess School building
  - b. Annual Town Manager review
2. Marcia Wiles is a member of the Senior Center and past president of the Ashland Lions. She spoke about being approached by Yolanda Greaves and Planning Board members to discuss hosting a Town parade. Asked the COA if the council would like to participate and discussed options such as whether people would march or maybe rent a bus for senior citizens? Would we need to offer participation by lottery (managed by Sr. Ctr.?) for the bus to be fair? Might need donations to cover the cost of the bus and driver. She shared other details: they will have a band on a flatbed trailer and the Town will cover the Public Safety expenses. Members of the Council asked about a deadline for a decision: October 1, 2022. Fun fact: Gabe will be Mr. Ashland!

### **Secretary's Minutes:**

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Jean moved to approve the June 2022 minutes. Pat seconded the motion.  
Approved 5-0-1.

## **Director's Report:**

Candi reviewed the Director's Report.

- Financial Topics have about 2-4 ppl/session; credit reporting will be in person
- Legal Seminar is in person
- Suggestion to have the new Police Chief in to meet the seniors
- Memory Café has been seeing attendance around 8-10 people
- Discussion about the Town's role in assisting residents and the relationship with state and local public housing.

Diane made a motion to approve the July-August Director's Report. Jean seconded. Approved 6-0-0.

## **Old Business:**

1. COA at the Farmer's Market on September 3; will have a community tent (Alexis will contact); Diane, Jean interested in staffing; should there be any handouts? Candi will check to see what is available.
2. WACA: staffing changes mean a new direction as suggested by Barbara Chisholm; Ana suggested considering using HS students

## **New Business:**

1. Sara suggested she would write a letter to Joanne Duffy to thank her for her years of service and dedication to Ashland's senior population. Others can sign if they're interested.
2. Steve/Lisa gave an update on the search for the new Director. Good response, interviews ongoing.
3. COA needs to send something to the Select Board indicating support for Deb & Corinne.

## **Board Reports:**

1. Sara: Thanks to Joanne Fahy for her service to the Council.

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2. Lisa: COVID cases are on the rise; test kits available at Town Hall; extension of use by date on test kits
3. Pat: (a) regarding FCOA finances, would they be willing to share their numbers and can we find a way to work together better; (b) might consider long-term planning for COA, setting up a calendar or planning a retreat
4. Diane: Springwell grants applications have been submitted and approved; she only has one more year and hopes that someone from the COA will join to have Ashland representation; she hopes the new Director takes advantage of the grant program.

## **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Diane. Pat seconded. 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Submitted by Secretary, Lisa Ugliodoro

Documents distributed:

June 2022 minutes

Director's Report & attachments