

Ludlow Council on Aging

Board Meeting

Senior Center

228 Center Street

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Minutes

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I. Roll Call – call to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: J. Zepke, J. Grimaldi, D. Peacey, K. Martin, R. Forti, H. Grabowski, D. Johnson, K. Ribeiro, F. Lafayette, F. Krzanik

Absent: J. DaCruz, S. Santolini

II. Secretary's Report:

a. November's minutes – A correction will be made on the time the meeting was called to order changing it from 4pm to 4:30 pm. M/S: K. Martin, J. Grimaldi. All in favor; minutes approved with correction.

III. Treasurers Report

- a. FY 22 Budget: No discussion.
- b. FY 23 Budget: Has been submitted to the Board of Selectman.

IV. Director's Report

- a. Staff Update: Jodi spent a week covering in the kitchen as the newly hired Cook, Christine Toelken, was on bereavement leave.
- b. COVID Update: No changes to Senior Center policies. People can wear masks if they choose.
- c. Events Update: 400-450 people collectively participated in the Thanksgiving Grab and Go meals and the indoor Thanksgiving lunches; Christmas lunches will follow the same format. New Years luncheon will be held indoors.

Foot care is again being offered at the Center in conjunction with the Board of Health once every week for a half day. Interested participants must sign up one month in advance. The price for seniors remained the same - \$20.00.

d. Building Usage/Issues: J. Zepke will be starting a Kindness Campaign beginning with her column in the January newsletter in response to some members' disgruntlement with the use of rooms for activities and "impatience" with getting in line for the Grab and Go lunches. Although the Center now has a larger space, J. Zepke pointed out there are still only three staff members coordinating all center activities. No motion was made.

V. Chairman's Report:

a. Board Vacancies: There is still one opening for an Alternate member of the Council on Aging Board. If anyone knows someone who might be interested, they can submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectman. Current terms expire in April 2022 for J. Grimaldi, D. Johnson, F. Krzanik, F. Lafayette and K. Ribero; the others expire in April 2023.

b. Council Bylaws: Members briefly reviewed and discussed the document forwarded by email dated August, 2012; this was an unsigned copy of changes to the by-laws of the council. It is unclear whether these had been reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectman at that time. Fred Lafayette will check his documents to see if he has a copy of the signed copy; D. Peacey will also check with the Town Administrator if she has a copy on file. They will report back at the next meeting.

J. Grimaldi recalled that she and several other board members conducted research on updating Senior Center policies/procedures several years ago. These were organized by sections and given to J. Zepke. Further action was deferred at that time pending opening of new center.

VI. Old/New Business:

a. Letter of Support: Way Finders has requested a Letter of Support from the COA to help secure funding for a proposed housing project at 188 Fuller Street. The building would consist of 43 units ranging in size from one to three bedrooms and target low-and- middle income people. There was discussion by board members of the pros and cons of this proposal. A motion was made to not write a letter of support. M/S D. Peacey, K. Ribero. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

b. Next Meeting: J. Grimaldi will be conducting the meeting; D. Peacey will participate by phone from Florida.

VII. Adjournment: 5:30 p.m. - m/s: D. Johnson, R. Forti. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Martin