

## MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING September 14, 2021

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Mary Lou opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Those in attendance included Mary Lou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chairperson, Courtney Riley,, Director of the Center, Judy Lane, Secretary, Pam Balanis,Bill Caton, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Ron Lane, Grace Rossetti,and Charlene Tingley. John Clark had an excused absence.

### Minutes

Vonnie made a motion to accept the June 8, 2021, Secretary's report and was seconded by Grace. The motion passed.

### The Treasurer's Report

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. The new year started July first. The General Fund had \$223,000+. It currently has \$191,000. The State Grant had \$24,000+ It currently has \$20,900+ and the Donation account has \$4800+. Grace made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Vonnie seconded the motion. It passed.

### Director's Report

Courtney reported that there had been a flood at the Senior Center during the Summer. All the damage caused by the leaking drains was covered by insurance. We have a new carpet and new cabinets in the main office and are getting new cabinets and sinks in the craft room.

The Willows, an over 55 Community opened in Medway. It has Independent and assisted living and memory components. There are many amenities including some, like a walking trail and a Bistro, are open to the public.The public is welcome to walk in or schedule tours. There will be a tour of the facility on September 20th at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will follow the tour. There are sign ups at the Center.

There will be new affordable housing for low income families and seniors. The housing will be located on West Street and lower Main Street. Currently Medway has very few apartments and the rents tend to be high. Vonnie made a motion to accept Courtney's report; Ron seconded the motion. It passed.

## Master Plan

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Siri Kishna Khalsa reported there will be a meeting of the Master Plan Committee at Medway High School on Sunday October 3, 2021 from 11 a.m to 3 p.m. to discuss phase 2 and the results of the surveys which were collected until September 8th. More than 700 people responded to the surveys that were all encompassing. Copies of the 200+ page report are available at Town Hall.

Charlene is interested in starting a support group for people who are dealing with dementia issues. Is there a need for such a group? Where would we start? Meet? Courtney stated we do not have the space or staff for a Day Care Program. People from Medway with dementia issues go to programs in Franklin or Bellingham that are registered and regulated. Most people are in these programs for less than a year.

Courtney would like to create a memorial for those we have lost to the pandemic. Pam suggested we create a patio with bricks containing the names of those lost. We could work with the Friends group. The C.O.A. can not collect money from those who would want inscribed bricks. The Council went into Executive Session to discuss inviting various town officials and others to attend our meetings while Courtney is on her leave of absence.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting which Vonnie seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mary closed the meeting at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith L. Lane".

Judith L. Lane, Secretary

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