

MEDWAY COUNCIL ON AGING MEETING February 8, 2022

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

Vonnie made a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting; Ron seconded the motion which passed.

Courtney's Director's report included : financially we began the month with \$113,000+ in the general fund, the state grant contains \$11,000+ and the donations' account contains \$4,600+. We have money available toward the purchase of a new van but Ford is not currently building vans, so maybe 2024. On another vehicle note, catalytic converters are being stolen from parked vans. Thankfully, our vans have been spared and are parked in a safe spot. Courtney has requested several low impact exercise devices suggested for senior citizens. John made a motion to accept Courtney's report, Ron seconded and the motion passed.

The IDEA committee has determined that senior citizens in Medway form a diverse group of human beings, and in concert with the Master Plan Committee is seeking input addressing their critical needs. Communication of services available is an issue, in that individual awareness is required to seek information. "Affordable housing" (defined as 30% of income?) was identified as the major issue affecting the elderly. Designated senior housing is limited in quantity. Market rates for apartments are generally beyond that 30% "affordable" ceiling. Is there a subsidy solution? Zoning laws are not particularly friendly to living space creation (ie. single family conversion to two families, or mother-in-law add on). If you require care, it really becomes a challenge.

Vonnie motioned to close the meeting, John seconded; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Lane

Judith L. Lane, Secretary