

## MEDWAY COUNCIL IN AGING MEETING March 8, 2022.

Mary Lou opened the meeting at 2:00 PM. Those in attendance include Mary Lou Staples, Chairperson, Vonnie Clark, Vice Chairperson, Courtney Riley, Director of Center, Bill Caton, Siri Krishna Khalsa, Charlene Tingley, John Clark and Pam Balabanis. Judy Lane, Secretary and Ron Lane were absent.

### Opening Comments:

Mary Lou had a moment of silence for Grace Rossetti.

### Secretary Report

Motion was made by Pam Balabanis to accept February 8, 2022, Secretary's report and was seconded by Siri Krishna.

### The Treasurer's Report

Courtney read the Treasurer's report. The General fund had \$99,206.00 until the end of the fiscal year, the State Grant has been spent down \$10,000.00 and the COA Donation account had \$4500+. Siri Krishna made a motion to accept the report, Bill Caton seconded it.

### Directors Report:

- C. Riley discussed how the Center has been busier than ever and continues to add programs and starting trips.
- The 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration was discussed about making sure it continues next year. Everyone understood why it paused but the Board wants to make sure it is started again.
- Discussion was had about creating a memorial space for all those who have passed. The Board is going to come up with some ideas and then discuss with the Friends Group to see if something can do a joint project.

### Masterplan Report:

Siri Krishna asked to go over 4 Questions relative to the Elders in town for a Focus Group Meeting by Medway's Master Plan Phase III. The Board discussed questions: 1, 12, 13 and 14. Question 1: "Consider the construction of a new, larger community center that could serve a wide variety of needs, including the Council on Aging, recreation, youth activities and more. The Board agreed highly with this. Question 12: "Create affordable housing opportunities for older adults that are integrated into neighborhoods in Medway including small single-family homes, rental units and condos." The Board highly agreed this was needed in town but wanted to know what "affordable" was. What is the number the town would consider affordable? Question 13. "Seek designation as an AARP Livable Community to advance local efforts to help people of all ages and abilities live easily and comfortably in the community." The Board was on the fence with this because they want the premise of this but not being tied to one company. They like this question though as it brings up senior issues that the town should consider. Question 14: "Look for opportunities to regionalize senior transportation services to provide added services to those who need it most." The board was on the fence with this because it is agreed that transportation is a large problem, but they don't want to merge with other towns and then have to wait 3 hours for a 15-minute appointment. The Board would like this to be discussed further but the Master Plan Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. Mary Lou closed the meeting at 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Courtney Riley