

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER**  
**Council of Aging**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Rose Baker Senior Center**  
**6 Manuel F. Lewis Street, Gloucester, MA 01930**

Board members present: Chairperson: Jay Gustafarro; Selma Bell; Susan Goodall; Rosalie Nicaastro; Valerie Gilman; Barry McKay; and Senior Center Coordinator: Lucy Sheehan.  
Absent: Fred Cowan; Roseanne Cody; Hank Camille; Bob Quinn; and Mike Hale.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. McKay to approve the Gloucester Council of Aging minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2018 with amendment to Ms. Goodall's attendance. **Seconded** by Ms. Goodall.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SALAD BAR UPDATE-** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that a third soup and salad day, on Thursdays, has been added to the luncheon program and the seniors love having the variety of soups..

**THE GIVING TREE-** *Chairperson Gustafarro* stated that many people have donated to the Senior Center and their names appear on the Giving Tree. He stated that the Friends of the Council on Aging would like to keep the tree up at the Senior Center. The board agreed to put information about the Giving Tree in the newsletter. The board discussed whether the Giving Tree should recognize how much the different levels of donations are equated to *Mrs Nicaastro* stated that she does not receive a newsletter and she would like to receive one before each meeting.

**BUDGET-** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that she has gone through the first round of the budget with the City Administration. She stated that the budget is level-funded again this year except for contractual amounts and a fee for \$75 for defibrillator maintenance.

**SUPPORTED DAY CARE-** The board discussed the Supported Day Program and the use of space in the Senior Center.

**FORMULA GRANT-** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that she received word from Mass Councils on Aging regarding the House Ways and Means vote on the 2019 budget, before a final determination on the Formula Grant award amount can be established.

**SHRED TRUCK-** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that a shredding truck will be at the Senior Center on April 28, 2018, the same day as the Medication Take Back Day.

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH-** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that May is Older Americans Month and special programs are being planned during the month for this event.

**VAN DRIVERS-** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that they are still looking for drivers for the Senior Center van. She stated that they have 4 drivers now and they just need training.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM-** *Mr. McKay* asked *Ms. Gilman* about the Neighborhood Program in Annisquam. *Ms. Gilman* responded that the City was not receptive to expanding the program but it works well in Annisquam. She stated that she was going to look into starting a similar program on Wheelers Point. She stated that if other areas are interested *Ms. Sheehan* should put them in touch with Gigs Cunningham.

### **CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**SENIOR CENTER EVENTS-** *Ms. Gilman* stated that *Ms. Sheehan* should email events to the Mayor's Assistant so they can appear on the City's website.

**BOCCE-** *Ms. Goodall* stated that there is a league that plays bocce on the North Shore and there are courts on the Boulevard so they should look into starting a group at the Senior Center. *Ms. Sheehan* stated that she will ask in the newsletter if there is anyone who knows how to play and who would be willing to teach others.

**TAX CREDIT-** *Ms. Gilman* asked if *Ms. Sheehan* has heard of a tax credit for volunteers at the Senior Center. *Ms. Sheehan* responded that she is aware of the program and the request by one senior, but the volunteer program for tax credit would need approval by City Council first. The board discussed the idea of having volunteers working for a tax credit.

**MOTION** by *Ms. Gilman* to adjourn.  
**Seconded** by *Ms. Gilman*. **CARRIED.**  
Meeting Adjourned – 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by

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Jay Gustaferrro, Chairperson