

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER**  
**Council of Aging**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**Rose Baker Senior Center**  
**6 Manuel F. Lewis Street, Gloucester, MA 01930**

Board members present: Chairperson: Jay Gustafarro; Roseanne Cody; Susan Goodall; Selma Bell; Valerie Gilman; Karin Carroll; Barry McKay; and Bob Quinn;. Senior Center Executive Director: Lucy Sheehan.  
Absent: Hank Camille; Vice-Chairperson: Fred Cowan; and Mike Hale.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Quinn to approve the Gloucester Council of Aging minutes of the meeting of November 6, 2018. **Seconded** by Ms. Bell.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REUSABLE BAGS-** The board discussed the January 1, 2019 city-wide ban on plastic bags

**BUDGET 2019-** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that there is no further update on the 2019 Budget. *Ms. Carroll* stated that Mass in Motion Coordinator has been doing a lot of needs assessment and one of the needs that always comes up is transportation. She stated that the coordinator is looking for transportation for seniors to access walks and fitness. She asked how the senior center would like to be involved in the grant. *Ms. Sheehan* stated that she submitted names of volunteers willing to be trained to drive the van, but the time lag in CATA scheduling training and drug testing, caused drivers to reconsider the commitment. The board discussed joining the regional Mass in Motions grant program. The board decided to vote in support at the next meeting.

**MOTION** by Ms. Bell to discuss Ms. Carroll's offer to explore the Mass in Motion grant initiative for a three month trial period and revisit the issue at the next meeting for approval. **Seconded** by Ms. Gilman.

**MEALS PROGRAM-** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that January 29 a four day for Soup and Salad bar will begin for all ages to have lunch. Fundraising efforts are underway for a fifth day running the Soup & Salad Bar.

**FORMULA GRANT-** *Chairperson Gustafarro* stated that approval for Formula Grant funds is going to City Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DAY-** *Chairperson Gustafarro* stated that Volunteer Recognition Day is on December 11, 2018.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY -** *Ms. Sheehan* stated that the Senior Center Annual Christmas Party will be held December 13, 2018. A Luncheon with Soup and Salad Bar and Entertainment is offered.

**NEXT MEETING-** The board decided to hold the next Council of Aging meeting on January 8th, 2019.

**CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**BUDGET-** Ms. Gilman stated that she would like to see the board discuss the budget and the transportation issue at the next meeting.

**DPW-** Mr. Quinn stated that the parking lot really needs to be addressed.

**MOTION** by Ms. Gilman that the Council of Aging request that a representative of the DPW be present at the January 8, 2019 Council of Aging meeting to discuss the unsafe status of the parking lot. **Seconded** by Ms. Cody. **CARRIED.**

**COA MEETING-** The next Council of Aging will be at 9:30 a.m. on January 8, 2019.

**MOTION** by Mr. McKay to adjourn.  
**Seconded** by Ms. Bell. **CARRIED.**  
Meeting Adjourned – 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Accepted by

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Jay Gustaferrro, Chairperson