

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER**  
**Council of Aging**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Rose Baker Senior Center**  
**6 Manuel F. Lewis Street, Gloucester, MA 01930**

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

The board welcomed Councilor Paul Lundberg to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Quinn to approve the Gloucester Council of Aging minutes of the meeting of April 2, 2019. **Seconded** by Mr. McKay.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MASS IN MOTION** - *Ms. Carroll* gave board members a brief update on the transportation funded by the Mass in Motion grant.

**BUDGET**- *Chairperson Gustafarro* stated that the Budget meeting will take place on May 8th, 2019 at 9:45 a.m. *Ms. Sheehan* stated that she did submit in her budget request for FY20, an activity director and a van driver. *Ms. Carroll* stated that most other communities allocate money for senior transportation. The board discussed the importance of senior transportation.

**DEMENTIA STEERING COMMITTEE**- *Mr.DAntonio* stated that about 200 people attended the Steering Committee meeting on dementia. He stated that the focus was educating people on dementia. He stated that transportation, housing, access, and communication are some goals that the committee is looking at.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**- *Councilor Paul Lundberg* appeared before the board. He stated that there are 15 CATA organizations throughout Massachusetts and Gloucester is lucky enough to have one. He stated that the State provides \$85 million a year to fund the operations of these 15 organizations. He stated that last year's legislation included a provision to establish a task force to examine the structure of regional transportation authorities, to look at how well they perform based on some kind of metrics, and to make sure that the State's money which is going to them is being well spent. He stated that a task force was formed with members from the House of Representatives, the Senate, and other government agencies; there were about 18 people on the committee. He stated that committee made a recommendation on the level of funding and some other items. He stated that they recommended an increase to the RTA's and an automatic inflator. He stated that public transportation should be able to provide direct transportation if needed. The board discussed ride-sharing and other transportation issues. *Chairperson Gustafarro* stated that it would be ideal if CATA would be open to a site-specific

site at the Senior Center for the lunch program. *Ms. Carroll* stated that the committee should also be looking at environmental impacts. The board thanked Councilor Lundberg for his presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no "New Business".

**CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**COA MEETING-** The next Council of Aging will be at 9:30 a.m. on June 4, 2019.

**MOTION** by Mr. Cowan to adjourn.  
**Seconded** by Ms. Goodall. **CARRIED.**  
Meeting Adjourned – 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Accepted by

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Jay Gustaferro Chairperson