

Town of Bolton C.O.A. Meeting
April 12, 2022

Meeting at the Senior Center

Members Present: Panny Gerken, Chair; Barbara Brown, Tom Byron, Shirley Sefton, Charles McCormack, Alice Roemer, Janet Smith

COA Director Lisa D'Eon, Program Coordinator Heather Goodsell

Guests: Mary Cuimmo

The meeting opened about 10:00 AM.

The minutes from the March COA meeting were approved

Lisa reported the financials: The \$20k from the state has arrived, but there is no hurry to spend it. Lisa's hours are being increased from 24 to 27 hours/week. Capital spending before July first includes a new color printer for about \$500, and one new laptop at about \$1,400 each.

Regarding the \$20k – veterans are underserved. Perhaps we should do something special. Also, is it possible to have a part time outreach person to do senior home visits? What needs are not being met? The town needs a social worker: part time sharing with other towns is in the works through Don Lowe. Perhaps a STRP worker or a volunteer could help with home visits. Developing relationships is critical, not a once a year visit. Relationships need to evolve.

FOBS input: Wreath making and lunch next week, 9 have signed up. May, Senior Appreciation Month, the proclamation is coming. 2nd graders are making baskets for May 1st for seniors 85 and up. Mary Boyd contacted girl scouts to make deliveries. Does the COA want a table at the event on the common May first? On the 17th is the health fair and bag lunch here at the Senior Center. Lots of groups are coming.

Heather reports: Wheat is doing a meal program Monday thru Friday, needs volunteers with a commitment to do deliveries around noon. Perhaps a STRP worker, and backup person? We will NOT replace Meals on Wheels. Christmas came early!!! --- Qryde has been canceled! Very Happy! My Senior Center software works well and is being enhanced to handle MART needs better.

Lisa: the 40B coming here will severely restrict parking. Major issues need to be addressed still. Had a zoom meeting with Berlin, discussing a regional approach to a community center. Board members expressed displeasure for the idea.

Next COA meeting May 10, at the Senior Center, at 9:30.
The meeting adjourned at 11:56.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Byron

Bolton Council on Aging
FY22 Monthly Financial Report - March 2022

<u>Category</u>	----Actual---		Total Year	Remaining	Balance
	<u>Year-To-Date</u>	%	<u>Budget</u>	%	<u>Remaining</u>
<u>Town Warrant</u>					
<u>Fixed</u>					
Salary	34,818.30	78.95%	44103.18	21.05%	9284.88
Wages	25092	78.54%	31946.4	21.46%	6854.4
Software Support	1190	100.00%	1190	0.00%	0
Building Lease	4320	100.00%	4320	0.00%	0
Cable/DSL	836.12	63.73%	1312	36.27%	475.88
Telephone	356.31	67.48%	528	32.52%	171.69
Subtotal-Fixed	66612.73		83399.58		16786.85
<u>Discretionary</u>					
Purchased Services	4460.4	55.41%	8050	44.59%	3589.6
Supplies	1429.26	77.26%	1850	22.74%	420.74
Subtotal-Discretionary	5889.66		9900		4010.34
Total Warrant Spending	72,502.39		93,299.58		20,797.19
<u>Grant</u>					
To be determined	1847.6	27.32%	6763	72.68%	4915.40
Fitness/Balance	800	100.00%	800	0.00%	0.00
Reflexology/Wellness	1240	100.00%	1240	0.00%	0.00
MCOA Dues	265	94.64%	280	5.36%	15.00
Transportation	9.3	10.94%	85	89.06%	75.70
Total Grant Spending	4161.9	45.40%	9168	54.60%	5006.10

April COA Meeting

Outreach/Programs Minutes

April and May are full of really great activities. It would be great to see you all at some of the activities to help boost attendance. I have included the April newsletter. Some May activities to save the date for are 5/18- Musical Baseball performance with Howie Newman at the Town Common. 5/24 a judicial speaker from the Worcester Court House will be at Davis Hall to speak on Elder Law. 5/26- Liberty Bones will be back to serenade us at David Hall.

I have booked a bus trip on Jun 17, 2022 to Hampton Beach for the 22nd Annual Sand Castle Competition. Cost is \$25 per person. I am still working on a second summer trip.

After our last meeting, I met with Jodi from WHEAT to discuss the week day meal program in more detail. They are willing to take on as many lunch clients as we need. It would work like MOW where clients sign up for what days they want to receive meals and they would receive them those days until they cancel. We need to secure volunteers to do the deliveries. I can post on social media to seek out volunteers, but also thought it would be a great STRP worker position. Before I post a search for volunteers, I wanted to give everyone an opportunity to share the position with anyone they think may be interested.