Town of Andover  
Council on Aging Minutes  
March 14, 2019

The Council on Aging met in regular session on March 14, 2019, at the Senior Center at Punchard. Chair Kenneth DeBenedictis called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Present:** Molly Bicking, Joan Fox, Jane Gifun, Tana Goldberg, Louise Hadad, Paul MacKay, Kim Rainen, Judy Trerotola and Director, Annmary Connor, Director of Elder Services, and Selectman Alex Vispoli

Motion to move into executive session made by Joan and second by Judy and the Council moved into closed session by unanimity at 8:30 am to discuss a private matter not having to do with Board business. At 8:36, a motion was adopted to end executive session and roll call taken.

**Guests:** Reid Blute of Pulte Homes

**Citizen Input:** Reid Blute from Pulte Homes came to speak with us regarding the change in Article 61, which if approved would change age restriction at Riverside Woods from 62 to 55. Since we last met with Pulte, DHCD has issued a memorandum under which it would not count units that are age restrictive for those under 18 years of age in the affordable housing inventory. If the bylaw is changed, the 21 affordable units that currently would count toward Andover’s inventory would no longer meet the requirements unless a waiver is obtained from DHCD, which has been requested but not timeline as to when they may hear back about the waiver.

Paul motioned to defer vote on whether to support Article 61, Tana second and the motion was approved.

**Mark Cormiero,** Veteran’s Agent for the Town of Andover came to introduce himself and speak to the work he has done since November when he began in his position.

**Alex Vispoli** reported about the overwhelming support the Senior Center renovation project received at Monday evening’s Board of Selectman’s meeting. The Board of Selectman will vote on this coming Monday on Article 61 and typically take the recommendation of the planning board, which did not support the bylaws change.
Article 24 Senior Center at Punchard Renovation and Construction and Article 25 Elder Services Program Stabilization Fund Transfer: Paul made a Motion that the Board support Articles 24 and 25, Jane second and the Board voted unanimously in support of both Articles.

Article 20 Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program: Judy made a Motion that the Board support Article 20, Kim second and the Board voted unanimously in support of Article 20.

Nominating working group: Joan and Jane will put forth a slate of officers with voting to take place next month.

Renovation: Paul updated the Friends website with secure credit card processing.

Letters to the Editor publicity campaign is light in April, so COAB members should consider submitting a letter if they are able.

Bylaws: Jane, Joan and Kim have met to review the bylaws and make proposed changes, including teleconference attendance, and will have proposed bylaws circulated prior to April meeting.

Time Bank: Concept to subscribe, list skills and exchange or barter for services. There may be tax implications that should be examined, but Lowell has a replicable model. New MSW interns could help with this project and may consider forming a working group.

Director’s Report: Director of Elder Services, Annmary Connor, gave her monthly report, attached. Discussion around newsletter and timeliness of the mailing, charging for the mailing, cost of outsourcing folding while SCRPT volunteers sometimes depending on folding for their hours. A working group will be formed to look at the issues involved and present information and findings to the Council.

Meeting Minutes: Council reviewed February meeting minutes, which were circulated in advance. Louise motioned to accept the minutes, Joan second and the minutes were approved.

Jane motioned to adjourn, second by Molly and the meeting was adjourned at 10:34.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Rainen, Secretary

Approved on 4/11/19