



Minutes of Town of Andover
Council on Aging Board Advisory Board
Virtual Meeting via Webex Link
April 8, 2021 at 8:30 am

The Council on Aging Advisory Board met in regular session on Thursday, April 8, 2021 via Webex. Chair Paul MacKay called the meeting to order at 8:30 am and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Molly Bicking, Tana Goldberg, Louise Hadad, Jeff Kaplan, Paul MacKay, Edward Plowey, Thomas Rando, Kimberly Rainen, Judy Trerotola, Fran Walker McGuiness

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Jane Burns, Christine Marshall, Nina D'Agostino

GUESTS: Paula Colby-Clements, Chair West Elementary School Building Committee, Thea Shapiro

CORRESPONDENCE: None

LIAISON REPORTS: Tom reported on the CCA meeting. The recommendation is that four products will be offered to the public with the only choice being to opt in or to opt out. The four products will go to DPU for approval. If approved, there will be marketing and communication with residents.

CITIZENS INPUT: None

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 10, 2020 meeting were circulated in advance.

MOTION: Judy made a motion to approve the minutes of December 10, 2020; Tom seconded the motion; roll call was taken; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: Minutes from the January 14, 2021 meeting were circulated in advance.

MOTION: Judy made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2021 meeting; Louise seconded the motion; roll call was taken; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: Minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting were circulated in advance.

MOTION: Judy made a motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2021 meeting; Tom seconded the motion; roll call was taken; motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: Minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting were circulated in advance.

MOTION: Minutes were amended to reflect Tom's attendance. Molly made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2021 meeting as amended; Judy seconded the motion; roll call was taken; motion carried unanimously.



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WEST ELEMENTARY BUILDING PROJECT

Paul introduced Paula Colby-Clements, Chair of the West Elementary School Building Committee who gave an informative presentation of the proposed school project for West Elementary and Shawsheen schools. Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has accepted these buildings into the program, including the preschool which is normally not reimbursed by MSBA. The projected reimbursement will be \$38,447,427, which will be financed through a debt exclusion. This will require a vote at town meeting and a ballot question. The proposed school design will go to MSBA next week for approval. The Council thanked Paula for the presentation and are excited about the project. There was a suggestion of communicating with the public the current condition of the inside of each school. Paula indicated that a video is being created to show the inside of each school.

MOTION: Ed made a motion to support approval of Town Meeting Warrant P25; Tana seconded the motion; roll call was taken; motion carried unanimously. Secretary Rainen will create and deliver the COA's statement of support to the School Building Committee and the Town Clerk.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION AND THE ROBB CENTER

Jemma was not present. Deferred to a future date.

ROBB CENTER STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Jane requested a vote on a statement of support for the revised version of the Robb Center Code of Conduct. There was discussion of service animals, and although there is no specific animal policy for the Town of Andover, only service animals will be allowed in the Robb Center. The language used is from the Commission on Disabilities. There was also discussion on the age group we are targeting, and it was determined that preference will be given to seniors 60 and over, but when space allows all ages will be welcome to participate in our programs.

MOTION: Fran made a motion to support the Robb Center Standards of Conduct as presented; Judy seconded; roll call was taken; motion carried unanimously.

ROBB CENTER REOPENING PLAN

Jane reported on the reopening plan for the Robb Center. Official moving day for staff April 14. Meals on Wheels will not be delivered on April 14, 2021. Access mostly limited to staff only, with Podiatry as the only in person activity in April. In mid-May hybrid programming will be offered. Senior Connections is moving on Wednesday and will be open on Friday. In addition, small groups will be allowed to tour in May. Molly suggested some photos in the windows and there will be a display in the lobby. Jane will be interviewed by the Townsman.



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FORMATION OF BOARD MEMBER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Tana, Paul, Fran, Jeff and Molly to search for replacement member because of resignation of Joan Fox.

ELDER SERVICES TASK FORCE

Paul and Louise are members; chair person has yet to be designated. The current mission is to look at housing and transportation for Seniors, making Andover an age friendly Community. Next meeting scheduled April 26, 2021.

ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Meals on Wheels – 2500 meal were delivered to 112 clients. We will be offering a Latino meal.
- Programming – the highlight of the month was the excellent Vaccine Webinar, which was well attended.
- Senior Connections - grant from MCOA to purchase tablets; for use by participants, who will receive training.
- Transportation - 41 medical transportation rides, majority of rides to vaccine appointments
- SCRPT Program – 40 people have completed hours; and we hope 70+ will complete before June 30, 2021.

NEXT MEETING: May 13, 2021 at 8:30 am.

Possibly will be held as hybrid meeting, as Robb Center Life Long Learning room can currently hold 17 (Covid 19 restrictions)

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN: Louise made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 am; Molly seconded the motion; roll call was taken; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am

Respectfully submitted,
Nina D'Agostino, Office Assistant