

TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
COUNCIL ON AGING
JUNE 2, 2015
SHEFFIELD SENIOR CENTER
6:30PM

Board Members Present: Kathy Staropoli, Chairman
Dorris Van Deusen
Helen Johnston, Vice Chairman
Michelle Harwood, Treasurer
Janet Stanton
David Steindler
David A Smith Jr
Richard Magenis

Others Present: Jennifer Goewey, Executive Director, Nadine Hawver, Assistant and John Gilligan

Chairman Staropoli called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review of the minutes of the April 16, 2015.

Mrs. Van Deusen moved the minutes be approved as amended, seconded by Mrs. Harwood. The motion carried unanimously.

EXPENSE REPORT

Director Goewey presented the State Formula Grant and the COA budget. There is approximately 25% remaining in the COA budget and 21 % in the Formula Grant. Mrs. Stanton moved to approve and accept the budget as presented, seconded by Mrs. Magenis. The motion carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Goewey gave a comprehensive report on the recent and upcoming programs. She will be attending Formula Grant Training on June 12th in Pittsfield. She advised the board to the opportunity to with BCAC and Elder Services to provide assistance to our seniors with learning about and filing out applications for fuel assistance, the SNAP program and housing rehab.

Director Goewey shared information with the board on the National Accreditation Process. She will gather more info to share at future meetings.

Director Goewey shared with the Board her attendance at the Berkshire County Age Friendly Community Summit on June 1st. This is a county wide task force working in conjunction with AARP and Tufts as well as many local groups to evaluate our community as a whole with the projected changing

demographics. Ms. Goewey asked the board for their support in her becoming a member of the task force. Mr. Smith moved that the COA engage with Jennifer Goewey being our representative to the Berkshire County Age Friendly Vision 2020. Motion was 2nd by Mr. Steindler. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN ITEMS

1. Transportation update – We are on target for leasing a van from BRTA July 1st. Training for the volunteer drivers has been scheduled as well as CPR and First Aide Training. Goewey and Hawver are being scheduled for DOT Physicals and Drug testing.
The BOS have approved the hiring of temporary part-time already trained driver to help us through the summer until we get all of our volunteers trained and tested.
The town’s legal counsel has reviewed the lease and are now reviewing the Drug and Alcohol policy. We hope to have the lease signed in the next week or so.
2. Friendly Visitor Program is up and running. Visits are being made, there will be a meeting at the end of the month to come together to see what the results are and to continue to build the program.
3. Congregate Meals in conjunction with Elder Services will begin here in August on Wednesdays.

MEMBER ITEMS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday July 2nd 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Steindler moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM, seconded by Mr. Magenis. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Nadine A Hawver

Documents reviewed at this meeting:

COA Budget

Formula Grant Budget

Berkshire County Age Friendly 2020 Executive Summary