

**Charlton Council on Aging Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday February 2, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 10:00 am** by Chairman Cindy Cooper

**Attending Board Members:** Chairman Cindy Cooper, Vice Chairman Jim Russell, Sue Crockett, Jim Howard, Barbara Larson, Secretary Vicki Thompson Joan Malinowski and Elaine Materas

**Absent:** None

**Appointments:** None

<b>Treasurers Report: December:</b>	Expense Account \$0.00	<b>January:</b>	Expense Account \$0.00
	Donations Account \$55,579.16		Donations Account \$55,971.19
	Formula Grant \$13,786.35		Formula Grant \$11,470.43
	Motion to Approve: Jim Russell		Motion to Approve: Joan Malinowski
	Seconded by: Joan Malinowski		Seconded by: Sue Crockett
	Passed Unanimously		Passed Unanimously

**LIAISON REPORTS;**

- A. Golden Age Club** No meeting in January
- B. Friendly Friends** No meeting in January
- C. REAS Foundation** At their last meeting it was decided to not hold **Taste of the Town** this year. They will be applying for a grant through the town instead. The lottery calendar is ongoing.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion on the Dementia Friendly Committee program with Elaine presenting current progress. Prospective volunteers are: Karen Wall Library Director, Kathleen Walker of the Overlook, Dennis Carlson of Charlton Fire Department, Jim Howard and Sue Crockett of the COA. Elaine will contact Kathleen to see if she would be willing to head a committee for now and set a first meeting date. Julie McMurray will be our contact from the central Mass area. It was suggested that there be a posting on the Town website for resident volunteers, and Elaine will ask Mary Carpenter if she would like to join.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Senior Center will be asking the Town Finance Committee to fund a new staff position of Activities Assistant for the coming fiscal year.

Discussion was held on updated Beyonders Tours with no interest at this time.

**OTHER:** The cost of postage was brought up and it was suggested to try and get more Seniors to take advantage of getting the newsletter by e-mail. Elaine will put it in the next newsletter to see if there is an interest.

There was discussion on the "pink paper" list of needs/wants for a new senior center vs. the current one. It was suggested that at the next Board of Selectmen meeting we ask to have the purchasing of Charlton Furniture put on the warrant for a town vote.

Elaine brought up that she will be taking a week's vacation each month for the next 4 months to use up her unused vacation time.

It was brought up that people over the age of 65 make up 14.8% of Charlton residents according to the 2020 census

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn by Jim Russell, second by Joan Malinowski, unanimous/adjourned at 10:48

**NEXT MEETING:** February 8th at 7:00 pm at the Charlton Board of Selectmen meeting

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** March 2nd, 2022 at 10:00 am.