

**Charlton Council on Aging Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 09, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 10:01 am by Chairman Cindy Cooper

Attending Board Members: Chairman Cindy Cooper, Vice Chairman Jim Russell, Sue Crockett, Barbara Larson, Secretary Vicki Thompson, Mile Zereski, Elaine Materas and Dan Prouty.

Absent: Jim Howard and Joan Malinowski

Appointments: None

Treasurers Report: Expense Account = zero
Donations Account = \$54,656.58
Formula Grant = \$ 7,375.93
Motion to Approve: Jim Russell Seconded by: Barbara Larson
Passed Unanimously

LIAISON REPORTS;

- A. Golden Age Club** They are working on plans for Christmas bazaar, and maybe a Spring Craft fair.
- B. Friendly Friends** No meeting until May
- C. REAS Foundation** They were awarded a \$10,000 grant from the TOC Covid funds.

OLD BUSINESS: Dan Prouty gave an update on purchase of Charlton Furniture. The owners are getting ready to put it on the market if there is no commitment forthcoming from the Town. He will be putting together a presentation with more accurate figures to present to the Town Finance Committee. He has acquired a \$100,000 matching grant donation pending (donations to be made to Friendly Friends) approval of Finance Committee to proceed. Mr. Prouty has pledged the first \$10,000 towards said matching grant. A rent/lease to purchase motion was discussed and proposed by Barbara Larson, seconded by Jim Russell and passed unanimously. Mr. Prouty also brought up the option of using "free" cash instead of asking for a tax increase.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on the Dementia Friendly Committee program. Elaine presented current progress, next step will be to set a meeting with Patty Sullivan and the interested members. Elaine will update at next meeting.

The Finance Committee has added a position of Activities Assistant for 15 hrs/wk. to the upcoming budget.

NEW BUSINESS: The COA Board has received notice from Joan Malinowski that she is resigning due to family issues. Elaine will prepare a certificate of appreciation and a card for all members to sign.

There were 2 applications submitted to fill Joan's position, one of them did not meet the qualifications. A motion was made by Sue Crockett and 2nd by Jim Russell to accept Mike Zereski as the new board member. This motion was passed unanimously. This will go before the BOS meeting on March 22nd for approval.

The COA has received approval for \$250 Cultural Council grant and an additional \$500 grant to use as we see fit.

Discussion on E-volve website: Elaine will see if they will do a presentation for COA Board members before we decide to proceed.

OTHER: The big freezer is acting up still and is being monitored. Oven is still not fixed.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Cindy Cooper, second by Vicki Thompson. Unanimous/adjourned at 11:11am.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 6th, 2022 at 10:00 am.