

**East Longmeadow Council on Aging
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 – Board Meeting Minutes**

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:04AM by Chairperson Theresa Govoni-Moylan.
- II. Roll Call:
Erin Koebler, Alicia Smith, Barbara Farrell, Doreen Harrison, Jane Desilets, Joseph Barker, Julie Dunlop, Sharon Giordano, Theresa Gavoni-Moylan and Melinda Mandeville attended in person. Jane Desilets joined via speaker phone. Pastor Timothy Sherenko was excused.
- III. Approval of October 12th 2021 Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Minutes read, corrected and approved as corrected. Corrections: Pastor Timothy Sherenko officiated the October 13, 2021 meeting; and the cost of the Thanksgiving lunch is \$5.00. Approved by Barbara Farrell and seconded by Doreen Harrison. Motion carried.
- IV. Director's Report:
 - a. The COA's Chef's position was posted. Kitchen staff along with other staff members are assisting until a new chef is hired. The hours are negotiable. Town benefits will be provided.
 - b. The individual who represents SHINE for the East Longmeadow COA is on leave. The COA Director and a previous SHINE representative are helping out by telephone on the weekends.
 - c. Two (2) grants were approved for:
 - i. the Craft Festival in December 2021; and
 - ii. travelling.
 - d. The East Longmeadow SWAP Program has positions to accommodate all who applied.
 - e. The vans were moved to the front of the building and the move helped alleviate the chance of other convertors stolen.
 - f. Ridership on the trolley increased. The rides mainly consist of medical appointments. Beginning January 2022, out-of-town trips will increase to \$3.00 one way.
- V. Program/Volunteer Coordinator Report:
 - a. There is still a need for COA volunteers.
 - b. Thirty (30) veterans signed up for the Veteran's Drive-thru Lunch. Local dignitaries invited to honor the veterans.
 - c. A new fitness class "Blue Sneakers" is very successful and enjoyed by all.
 - d. Students from BayPath University are working with the seniors on different projects.
 - e. Holiday Craft Fair & Visit with Santa is on December 11. There are 25 vendors and the fee is \$25.00 or donate a raffle prize.
 - f. A Job Fair will take place at the COA in January. Volunteers needed.

- VI. Committee Reports:
- a. AAA – A Zoom meeting was held in October. The concern is the Nutrition Program. Many surrounding towns of GSSSI depend on nutrition.
 - b. GSSSI – There are nutrition and staffing difficulties.
 - c. Emergency Planning – December 2021 meeting not scheduled.
 - d. Housing Production Planning – The town of EL shortly will reach 10% (7.6% presently) in medium income housing.
- VII. New Business:
- a. See Program/Volunteer notes.
 - b. Congregate meals are still running a low number. Event meals are flourishing.
- VIII. Old Business:
- a. Golden Cane Award – Three (3) candidates qualified for the award. One (1) moved out of town; a second (2nd) candidate could not be reached; and the third (3rd) candidate accepted the award. She is 101 years old and lives with her daughter. Her daughter picked up the pin and indicated her mother was grateful for the award; however, she did not want any fanfare.
- IX. Next Meeting Date:
Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM.
- X. Adjournment:
Barbara Farrell entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35AM. Doreen Harrison seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Desilets
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