

Marilyn Ishler, Chairperson
Rachel Tierney, Vice Chairperson
Sheila Pennell, Secretary

VACANT, Director

SOUTH HADLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
Board of Directors Meeting---September 18, 2023
Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:31pm by Chairperson Marilyn Ishler

Roll Call: Marilyn Ishler, Rachel Tierney, Jim Bosman, Dick Matteson, Susan LaBonte, Sheila Pennell, Robert Pueschel, Liane Pueschel

Guest: Janet Stawasz

Present: Lisa Napiorkowski, Assistant Director

Open Forum:

- Dick Matteson shared 2 events in October that will be showcasing South Hadley through art, activities, and presentations. One will be on the Commons on 10/7 and the other in the Falls on 10/8. There will also be a South Hadley Chorale presentation at 1pm on 10/7 at All Saints Episcopal Church.
- It was noted that the Council on Aging website has incorrectly listed expiration dates for the members of the Board of Directors. An updated list will be presented to the Town.

Approval of July 17th Minutes: Minutes are to be amended to reflect the absence of Robert Pueschel and Liane Pueschel. Motion to accept Minutes as amended by Dick Matteson and seconded by Rachel Tierney All were in favor. Robert Pueschel and Liane Pueschel abstained.

Approval of August 16th Minutes: Amend Minutes to reflect absence of Sheila Pennell. Motion to approve the Minutes as amended by Jim Bosman and seconded by Rachel Tierney all were in favor. Sheila Pennell abstained.

New Business

- a. Motion to accept the resignation of Susan Labonte as current Secretary by Liane Pueschel and seconded by Robert Pueschel. All were in favor.
- b. Motion made to elect Sheila Pennell as Secretary by Liane Pueschel and seconded by Susan LaBonte. All were in favor.

Update On search for new Director

- Postings closed
- Screenings conducted
- Resumes reviewed
- Interviews begin the week of 9/25
- Board members were invited to sit on the interview panel. Marilyn Ishler and Susan LaBonte accepted the invitation.

Old Business

a. Alzheimer's Walkathon Update—Rachel Tierney

- A COA staff member had volunteered to be Captain of the team for the COA, but it was determined that a Town employee cannot volunteer on Town time.
- Since we have no Captain, it was decided that we would table the initiative for this year
- Groups and individuals can still participate on their own

b. Friends of the South Hadley Seniors Update—Janet Stawasz

- 9/28 Potluck for volunteers at Buttery Brook from 12-3
- 11/4 Community meal at Iona's
- 11/11 Purse Bingo at St. Theresa's Church
- Annual campaign event will take place in December
- The Friends are in the process of arranging free movies for seniors at the Tower Theaters

Assistant Director's Report—Lisa Napiorkowski

A. Operations Senior Center

- I. FY 2023 Statistics—Summary statistics for 08/01/2023-08/31/2023 show a sizeable increase in total people served and events attended compared to the statistics of August 2022.
- II. Monthly Board Member Opportunities
 1. Members are invited to volunteer at any event....lunches, various programs and also help with Brown Bag and collating the Newsletter.

Next meeting October 16th @ 4:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Dick Matteson and seconded by Rachel Tierney.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Liane Pueschel, Interim Secretary