

SANDWICH COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES FOR October 26, 2018

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OPENING: Chairman Neal O'Brien called the meeting to order at 8:50.

PRESENT: Chair Neal O'Brien, Vice Chair Michael Bondarek, Treasurer John Vibberts, Secretary Pat Collins, Board Members Judy Hendy, Karen Cotter, Mary Jo French. Director Susan Marancik.

ABSENT: Board Member Pat Walsh.

MINUTES for September 28, 2018 were read and accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nothing to report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Fund for Sandwich accepted Senior Center grant request for \$500 for care provider respite. Dave Deconto applied for a "Walking Grant" which could be \$1500 to \$2000 to support the Center's group walking initiative. Silver Cyclists had 6 rides and intends to continue in the Spring. The Sandwich High School has proposed an intergenerational Pickleball program with the Senior Center. Dave Brower is our local ambassador for U.S. Pickleball. A Healthy Aging on Cape Cod survey is going out in mid-January with results expected in March. Residents over the age of 40 will receive the survey. This survey could take the place of a UMass Needs Assessment which some Cape towns have commissioned e.g. Barnstable, Falmouth. (The UMass Assessment cost is \$35,000.) A primary focus of the survey is on care providers' needs; Pat Collins suggested this would support the need for the Senior Day Program proposal as part of the CAL. Director Marancik encourages Sandwich to have a Healthy Aging Committee and the Board agreed. Director Marancik stressed the need for residents to be aware of the "Notify Me" click on the town's website. Board urged information about that be posted in the next newsletter. Due to an unexpected illness, the Center's new driver is not available. Rick Lyotte will cover 10 hours per week.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mark Wickland, Chair, Sandwich Library Committee

Mark credits the BOS for approving needed work on the Library's exterior space: roof, parking lot, open area for children. A feasibility study was done one and a half years ago to have interior work completed based upon their architect's concept of "reimagining space." Mark's committee is in the process of



drafting handouts regarding library needs. That could be bundled with school administration's and COA goals. Neal O'Brien proposed a meeting at SCATV with Mark Wickland and Pam Gould. Cape Cod Times, Broadsider, and Enterprise would be invited. Mark recommends that the Sandwich Selectmen know of these plans to strategize with the media.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nothing to report.

FRIENDS GROUP UPDATE: Reggie Peters will continue to chair the group until the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS: Two openings remain on the COA Board.

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman O'Brien's term is up in June

NEXT MEETING: November 30, 2018 at 8:45 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Collins, Secretary