

**Swampscott for All Ages Committee
Swampscott Senior Center
Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2024**

Attendees: Michele Audet, Joan McCormack, Jenn Nisbet, Bob Powell, Claire Regan Margaret Somer, Sue Sussman, Heidi Whear

Absent: Kevin Breen, Alyce Deveau, Pat Hines, Marzie Galazka, Bill Quinn

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Minutes from January 16, 2024 approved.

Domain Updates

Housing: The committee needs a member to be a housing rep, who will follow and report on the town's housing issues and activities. M. Audet volunteered to cover some of the housing committees meetings.

Transportation: The Senior Center is exploring ways to loan the transportation vans to surrounding communities to maximize usage.

B. Powell will be submitting an application for an AARP community challenge grant to fund a subsidized ride share (e.g. LYFT) program for low-income, senior and disabled residents.

Outdoor Space and Buildings: M. Galazka met with neighbors about the proposal to build pickle ball courts at Phillips Park, which will be going before Town Meeting. She is also preparing a grant proposal to create a walking path in the Archer St. area.

The committee members in attendance considered a motion to support a feasibility study to investigate a community center that would be used for programming by the COA, recreation department and other community organizations, such as Anchor Food Bank, Seaglass Village, Big Blue Bargains, Reach Arts and others. Six of the members were in favor of the motion while two abstained.

Social Participation: The Friends of the Senior Center is planning a prom (dance) to kick off a fundraising event for a dishwasher for the Center's kitchen. It is tentatively planned for early evening on April 27 at the First Church. SfAA members are invited to attend the planning meeting on March 1, 1 pm.

Civic Participation and Employment:

The Town is hosting a Health and Fitness Day, March 17, 12 Noon – 4 pm, where SfAA will promote the upcoming conference, Creating Your Healthy Aging Plan.

Community and Health Services: Materials for the upcoming conference, Creating Your Healthy Aging Plan, were reviewed and discussed.

H. Whear previewed materials and a logo for the Forget Me Not program, a partnership with local businesses to create age- and dementia-friendly spaces. Once it's implemented, the program may be expanded to accommodate others with disabilities.

Next meeting: March 19, 2024, 6 pm, Swampscott Senior Center.

Adjourn: 7:23 pm