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**Swampscott for All Ages Committee
Swampscott Senior Center
Meeting Minutes, January 16, 2024**

Attendees: Michele Audet, Alyce Deveau, Pat Hines, Joan McCormick, Jenn Nisbet, Bob Powell, Claire Regan, Margaret Somer, Sue Sussman, Heidi Whear

Absent: Kevin Breen, Marzie Galazka, Bill Quinn

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Minutes from November and December 2023 meetings approved, with correction to December minutes.

Domain Updates

Housing: The development at Elm Place is moving forward

Transportation: A grant request is pending at the state level to purchase an electric vehicle for \$100,000. If funding is received, the state would provide \$80,000 and the town would be responsible for \$20,000 and a request for town funding is moving forward.

Outdoor Space and Buildings: The proposal to the Capital Improvement Committee to fund a feasibility study on a multi-generation community center is still pending.

Social Participation:

Student participation in the Opening Minds through Art (OMA) program was successful with positive input from them. New students will be trained in Q3 for future OMA sessions.

The Senior Center's Social Day program participants recently had lunch at Café Avellino, which will be participating in the dementia-friendly initiative.

Community and Health Services:

The conference on Creating a Healthy Aging Plan will be held on March 23 at the Senior Center. Speakers will include an elder law attorney and geriatrician, followed by lunch and a panel of speakers covering the scope of caring options for seniors, from aging in place to nursing care. Vendors and sponsors will be solicited. The planning committee hold a virtual meeting on Monday, Jan. 22 at 2:30 pm.

A small grant will be used to implement the age and dementia-friendly business initiative. Local business will be designated as age/dementia-friendly based on a list of qualifications. A logo to identify participants will be developed. Potential names for the program were vetted.

Communication and Information: A save the date notice will be developed for the March 23 conference. Additional marketing materials will be developed as the program is solidified.

Respect and Inclusion: S.U.R.E. Diversity is hosting a Black History Month event on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6-9 pm at Swampscott High School. The program, themed Black history is everyone's history, will include music, poetry, and history.

Other Business:

AARP is accepting applications through March 6 for its Community Challenge grant program which funds quick-action projects to make communities more livable and jump-start long-term change. Potential projects in Swampscott were discussed and SfAA members encouraged to submit applications.

Next meeting: February 20, 6 pm, Swampscott Senior Center.

Adjourn: 7:10 pm