

**Swampscott for All Ages Committee
Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2022**

Attendees: Michele Audet, Alyce Deveau, Patricia Hines, Joan McCormack, Jenn Nisbet, Bob Powell, Bill Quinn, Claire Regan, Margaret Somer, Sue Sussman, Heidi Whear

Absent: Kevin Breen

Swearing in: Committee members in attendance were sworn in by Jared LaLiberte, Town Clerk

Election of Officers: Alyce Deveau and Bob Powell were elected Committee co-chairs. Claire Regan was elected Committee secretary

Action Plan Year 2: Year 1 Action Plan is being updated to include Year 2. While much has been accomplished, there's more to do. Going forward, priorities include community and health services and dementia-friendly initiatives. There may be an opportunity to combine the resource and health fairs; dementia-friendly training for town staff will continue; and forming a triade of fire, police and senior services to help at-risk seniors will be explored.

Introduction to the website: Heidi Whear gave a preview of the new website for the Senior Center, COA and SfAA. The website is expected to go live by the end of November.

Caregiver Resource Fair: A grant request has been made to develop a program for caregivers.

ADU Education and Awareness: Current Town by-laws governing ADUs are very restrictive and the Planning Board is trying to form a subcommittee to explore ways to allow more ADUs. Town administrators are collecting data from other communities for Planning Board consideration. The SfAA could assist by referring people with ADU experience to the Planning Board.

Dementia-friendly Initiative: See Action Plan Year 2

SfAA Advisory Committee: Names of potential Advisory Committee members should be sent to Heidi Whear.

Other Business: SfAA will support the proposal to develop housing for 55+ at 491 Humphrey St., which would include 12 affordable units. Experts will be at a forum on Dec. 1 at the high school to answer questions on affordable housing. Swampscott's AARP livability index has improved from 57 to 59 in the last year. We are doing well in all areas, except for housing with a rating of 29.

Next meeting: Dec. 21, 2022, 7 p.m., Swampscott Senior Center

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 pm