

Swampscott For All Ages Committee Meeting

April 22, 2021 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm – Zoom

Attendees: Jennifer Nisbet, Heidi Whear, Bob Powell, Doreen Hodgkin, Sue Sussman, Matt Strauss, Danielle Strauss, Marzie Galazka, Neal Duffy, Warren Sawyer

Minutes: Approve March minutes – Approved

Staying Connected Series

Dr. Lucas recording on the vaccine will be posted on the town website/local cable station soon.

Discussion on Affordable Housing – Joan Hoaning will be doing a presentation for us.

Additional topics, speakers – Town update with what is going on around town with walkability, changes at the beaches, park and rec programs, etc. especially with summer coming.

Farmers Market Outreach – begins June 13

Will be having the market be on the street, blocked off, and not on the lawn. The typical farmers are all coming back, and a new farmer of micro greens. SfAA will participate on a date to have a table. In a future meeting we will discuss what we want to have for marketing to hand out.

Seaglass Village Development www.seaglassvillage.org

Office – will be in First Church and plans to open early summer. Planning an opening celebration with a ribbon cutting.

Community Resources Page – being developed with links to info such as CEDAC, Dementia Friendly group, etc.

COA Update

Staffing – Gina is running the whole program right now. There is a job posting for a director and an activities coordinator. An idea was shared of possibly looking into the senior work program in town to see if anyone could help out with volunteering at the COA.

Gina and Marilyn met with capital improvement committee to request money to fund a kitchen. They met with the finance committee on the staffing needs and needing to get positions filled. The Senior Center won't be opening until June 1st because of the shortage in staffing.

Housing

Hadley Reuse Advisory Committee – the last meeting the whole group broke up into sub-groups. Bill Dimento is in the affordable housing group. Within the next month the sub-groups will come back to a one group meeting to compare ideas and the feasibility of all the uses. Some uses may be able to be combined. End of summer there should be some type of report.

Machon Lottery – the lottery occurred, and the units will start to be occupied by June.

Swampscott Housing Authority – Warren has been working with the town on some issues in the housing authority. Accessory dwelling units are being discussed and are on a warrant article for a change in zoning. Planning to be voted on at town meeting (May 17 & 18) or in the fall if need be.

Elm Place (40B) – Wynn Development got a project eligibility letter but has been encouraged to work with the town on the concerns over size and design. Developer decreased number of units and

height, etc., but this is just the beginning to other changes. There have been meetings with residents that expressed concerns, and there will be future Zoom meetings with the community on this topic.

Community and Health Services

Dementia Friendly Initiative – Town wide training still needs to be scheduled. We are training 2 new people who will be training employees of the town.

Communication and Information

Cable TV Ascertainment Committee – next meeting April 26th where we will be developing survey questions.

IPAD or Chromebooks – Chromebooks at the library are too old and don't function well. A video will be posted on our Facebook page that has been shared from Alyce on how to use the Hotspots from the library.

We had discussion on using IPADs vs Chromebooks. We plan on looking into an AARP grant to fund a few.

Swampscott Aging Friendly Plan to AARP

We received feedback that we need to follow their elements of an action plan and resubmit it (by the fall). Bob will send an email to the sub-group chairs to assist with completing their portion.

Director of Elder Services Position

Heidi spoke to Sean Fitzgerald and he interviewed 4 candidates so far and has plans to interview more people. The job has been advertised on COA websites, etc.

New Business

None. Next meeting will be held Thursday, May 27th at 7:00pm.

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