Swampscott for All Ages Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2021

<u>Attendees</u>: Jenn Nisbet, Sue Sussman, Heidi Whear, Doreen Hodgin, Bill Travascio, Bob Powell, Warren Sawyer, Marzie Galazka, Matthew MacDonald

April meeting minutes approved

Stay Connected Series

Discussion on Affordable Housing – Joan Honig (on the committee for Hadley re-use). Plans are in the works for this to be done soon.

Other series being discussed are: updates to town annual housing plan, proposed zoning change – accessory dwelling units, and cyber security training.

Farmers Market Outreach - set date

June 27th is a day we have a table. We will have information on Seaglass Village, housing information, health (take blood pressure, have info on the vaccine, etc.)

Seaglass Village Development www.seaglassvillage.org

56 volunteers and 52 people interested in being members. Office will be at First Church Congregational in June, with a soft launch early July. Ribbon cutting by early September. Introductory sessions can be held for people interested in finding out more. Also, the village is looking for sponsors.

COA Update

Planning for the doors to open on July 1st.

Housing

Swampscott Housing Authority – Irma, the director, is interested in getting a garden and general improvements – i.e. park bench, gazebo, for Duncan Circle and Doherty Place. She will be invited to our next meeting.

Community and Health Services

Dementia Friendly Initiative – The caregiver support group is still going strong, and people appreciate the zoom meetings since they can access it easily. Three people have been trained to help with the dementia friendly training that we are planning to launch town wide.

Communication and Information

Cable TV Ascertainment Committee - the survey has come out with the water bills. We will also be looking into Mass Council on Aging grants for tablets, etc.

Review of Swampscott Aging Friendly Plan

Will be getting back on track with discussing our plan since we had to stop due to the pandemic.

New Business

Plans to do our in-house resource fair in November.

Margaret Somer discussed the event held for boards & committees on structural racism and making the town more friendly and anti-racist. We need to start looking through this lens when doing our work.

Matt McDonald: another grandparent scam done in town and the person lost a lot of cash. Also, check out your neighbors with temperatures rising in the summer. Next meeting date: Thursday, June 24, 2021 @ 7pm.

<u>Adjourn</u>