

Swampscott for All Ages Committee Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2023

Attendees: Michele Audet, Alyce Deveau, Jenn Nisbet, Bob Powell, Claire Regan, Margaret Somer, Sue Sussman

Absent: Kevin Breen, Marzie Galazka, Patricia Hines, Joan McCormack, Bill Quinn, Heidi Whear

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Minutes from Feb. 15, 2023 meeting approved

Domain Updates

Housing: Planning Board is drafting language on ADUs. TBD on when it will be presented officially.

Hadley School may be off the table for a community center and housing; Clarke School maybe an alternative.

Transportation: Preparing for potential grant submissions; most grants require community collaboration and testimonials with real-life examples of transportation needs.

The committee decided to focus on grant applications after the May 6 caregivers conference; priorities will be on a Lyft pilot program and walkability study. Michele will lead the project with committee members assisting. In the meantime, if committee members know of people (seniors, low-income or disabled) in need of transportation please provide documentation to Michele.

Communications: Focusing on publicizing the caregiver conference

Community and Health Services: Caregiver Conference Planning

Scheduled on May 6, 10 am – 3 pm, Swampscott High School

Many speakers are confirmed and a number of service vendors contacted. Plans are being finalized. Sponsorship opportunities are available and a vendor registration form has been developed.

Next conference planning meeting will be held in-person on March 29, 7 pm at the senior center.

Other Business

Dementia friendly training has been scheduled on March 30 and April 13. The one-hour program is targeted to town employees, but is open to all interested parties.

The Swampscott Senior Center will begin a social day program on Friday, March 31. The program, which can accommodate four people, is scheduled every Friday, 10 – 2 pm.

S.U.R.E. (Swampscott Unites Respects and Embraces) Diversity is collecting personal stories of ancestry, focusing on immigration through the “Tell Us Your Stories” project. Residents are encouraged to submit information (200 words or fewer) about their ancestors’ journey to the United States. All stories will be electronically archived at the Swampscott public library. For more information, visit the S.U.R.E. website: surediversity.org

Next meeting: April 19, 2023, 7 pm, in person at SSC.

Adjourn: 8:40 pm