

Swampscott for All Ages Committee Meeting Minutes, April 26, 2023

Attendees: Michele Audet, Alyce Deveau, Patricia Hines, Joan McCormack, Jenn Nisbet, Bob Powell, Claire Regan, Heidi Whear

Absent: Kevin Breen, Marzie Galazka, Bill Quinn, Margaret Somer, Sue Sussman

Meeting called to order at 5:09 pm

Minutes from March 15, 2023 meeting approved with corrections.

Domain Updates

Housing: ADU amendment to zoning by laws is included in the Town Meeting Warrant; town intends to purchase Pine St. property and use as affordable housing with focus on veterans.

Transportation: R-TAG (Riders Transportation Access Group), a customer organization with a mission to advise the MBTA on transportation issues that affect people with disabilities and older adults, is holding a virtual meeting on April 27.

SfAA will explore potential speakers with transportation expertise for upcoming meetings. The Town's proposed budget includes a request to fund an electric minivan that accommodates wheelchairs for the Senior Center.

Outdoor Space and Buildings: Bathrooms are one of the top requests for the Hawthorne property. Hadley is likely to be converted to a hotel; Clarke may become space for school administration and other uses.

Social Participation: In order to keep more seniors involved in as Town Meeting members, there's a need to provide transportation to Town Meetings; Senior Center vans and Seaglass Village volunteers are potential options.

Community and Health Services: Two session of dementia- friendly training complete; more will be scheduled after Town Meeting. Train-the-trainer opportunities will be explored and the training offered to police and fire fighters will be reviewed. Additional session may be scheduled for Seaglass Village volunteers and SfAA members.

The Senior Center recently hosted a trip to the MA Statehouse for a tour and meeting with Rep. Jenny Armini who discussed issues impacting seniors and answered questions. Additionally, the Senior Center's Social Day Program began several weeks

ago and has been well received. It operates on Fridays, 10 am – 2 pm for seniors with early to mid-stage dementia, and currently accommodates four people.

The Alzheimer's Association's Advocacy Day is schedule on June 8 at the MA Statehouse

Communications: Promoting upcoming Caregiver's Conference; video and audio files highlighting conference speakers have been posted to the SfAA Facebook page; Seaglass Village has submitted a grant proposal to AARP for GrandPads.

Other Business

Caregiver Conference Planning: To date about 50 people have registered for the conference which will feature approximately 15 speakers, 14 vendors and six sponsors. Depending on the number of available tech staff, at least some of the speakers will be videotaped.

The Senior Center staff and SfAA members will be assisting at the event on May 6; SfAA member who recruited speakers will contact them with details on the event.

Next meeting: May 17, 2023, 7 pm, in person at SSC.

Adjourn: 6:08 pm