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**Swampscott for All Ages Committee  
Swampscott Senior Center  
Meeting Minutes, December 19, 2023**

**Attendees:** Michele Audet, Pat Hines, Claire Regan, Margaret Somer, Sue Sussman, Heidi Whear (no quorum)

Absent: Kevin Breen, Marzie Galazka, Alyce Deveau, Joan McCormack, Jenn Nisbet, Bob Powell, Bill Quinn

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Minutes from November 15, 2023 approval deferred, no quorum

**Domain Updates**

**Housing:** No updates on 491 Humphrey St., proposed senior-housing development with affordable units. Will monitor and support developer.

**Transportation:** H. Whear is submitting a grant proposal for funds to purchase an electric vehicle for the Swampscott Senior Center which would hold two wheelchairs and three other passengers and would be used for transportation to medical appointments. The town would have to support 20 percent of the cost and Nahant will be approached to share the expense.

Additional opportunities to expand transportation options are being explored.

**Outdoor Space and Buildings:**

A proposal to fund a feasibility study on a multi-generation community center has been submitted to the Capital Improvement Committee.

**Social Participation:**

Over 100 people attended an open house at the senior center to showcase the first session of the Opening Minds through Art (OMA) program. Trained high school students teamed with seniors living with dementia to create art projects. A grant will partially fund the initial and two additional six-week sessions; additional funding is being sought.

**Civic Participation and Employment:**

Opportunities to connect volunteers with organizations were discussed.

**Community and Health Services:**

The theme of the 2024 conference will be creating an aging plan. The program, scheduled for March 23 at the Senior Center, will feature two keynote speakers: a gerontologist and an elder care planner. A panel spotlighting various care options will also be included. A workbook on developing an aging plan will be provided to conference attendees.

Based on the feedback from the 2023 conference more time for interaction with vendors will be scheduled. Approximately eight vendors can be accommodated

The attendance will be capped at 100, due to space limitations at the Senior Center. No grant funds are available to support the conference; potential lunch sponsors will be explored.

The Senior Center has received a grant to roll out the age-friendly initiative to local businesses. Three restaurants will participate in a pilot of the Purple Table Program.

**Communication and Information:** J. Nesbit will be working on marketing the 2024 conference.

**Respect and Inclusion:** S.U.R.E. Diversity is planning a Black History Month event in February at the Swampscott High School; date TBD.

Next meeting: January 16, 2024, 6 pm, Swampscott Senior Center.

Adjourn: 7:17 pm