

**Swampscott for All Ages Committee  
Meeting Minutes, May 24, 2023**

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**Attendees:** Michele Audet, Kevin Breen, Alyce Deveau, Jenn Nisbet, Bob Powell, Claire Regan, Margaret Somer, Sue Sussman, Heidi Whear

Absent: Marzie Galazka, Patricia Hines, Joan McCormack, Bill Quinn

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Minutes from April 26, 2023 meeting approved with correction.

**Caregiver Conference Review**

With approximately 150 in attendance, including staff and volunteers, the May 6 conference clearly tapped into unmet need in the community. Many participants requested another conference next year.

Evaluations will help SfAA identify the most popular speakers and other insights. Considerations for future conference include: scaling down the program to a shorter format, ending with lunch; relocating venue to the Senior Center; adding registration time into the program; and leaving more time between speakers.

**Domain Updates**

**Housing:** Town Meeting passed the zoning amendment to allow detached ADUs in addition to attached ADUs. ADU zoning amendments also passed in Salem and Marblehead. The changes need to be communicated via Talk of the Town and other outlets.

Building relationships with the Swampscott Housing Authority should be the committee's next focus. The most recent director of the Housing Authority resigned and the Committee may have an opportunity to work closely to the next director. Suggestions for relationship-building activities include a block party and a donation of outdoor furniture for the vegetable garden at Duncan Terrance.

An affordable-housing task force maybe proposed by Select Board and could be a partner in developing an educational campaign on affordable housing.

**Transportation:** H. Whear is submitting applications for three different grants. Depending on the grant, if awarded, the funds could be used for a program to manage rides, an electric with wheelchair accommodation and a ride-share program.

**Outdoor Space and Buildings:** The Committee is advocating for a state-of-the-art community center; potential locations include redevelopment projects such as Vinnin Square. Model community centers should be researched and experts contacted to identify characteristics of an ideal community center.

Committee continues to support inclusion of rest rooms at the Hawthorne property and development of pollinator gardens. Land adjacent to Machon could be a location for a pollinator garden.

**Social Participation:** Seaglass Village is coordinating with local partners, such as the JCC and Nahant COA, on program development. The Swampscott COA is implementing a class in the Fall of 2023 for high school seniors designed to enhance the understanding the aging process.

**Civic Participation and Employment:** The Senior Center is hosting a volunteer appreciation brunch on June 5; the Center now has approximately 80 volunteers.

**Community and Health Services:** After the dementia-friendly training for town employees is complete, the focus will be on training of local restaurant (Purple Table program) and business employees.

**Communication and Information:** Will coordinate with Town Hall staff to incorporate relevant SfAA information and programs in Town newsletters.

**Other Business:** Next meeting: June 22, 2023, 5:30 pm, at Margaret Somer's home.

Adjourn: 8:42 pm