

Council of Aging Meeting November 3, 2021 1. Call to order by Chair Mary Anne Easley at 1:30 2. Reading of Remote Meeting Law by Mary Anne Easley 3. Establish Quorum

Present :

Chair - Mary Anne Easley
Vice Chair- Alison K Forsgren
Secretary-Diane Flaherty
Suzi Spring
Nancy Swain

Absent:

Vanessa Larrabee
Judith Perkins
Kendra Lockley
Linda Williams

Staff Present:

Jerico Mele
Laura Stewart

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Alison to approve agenda, second by Nancy , vote unanimous, motion carries.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of

October 6, 2021 Motion made by Suzi to approve October minutes , second by Nancy , vote unanimous, motion carries

6. Public Comment : None

7. Official Business

Implementation of federal grant for senior home modification :

Mary Anne attended orientation via zoom .

Thirteen groups applied and received grants Town compliance workers will be hired by COA (council on aging) Cori check mandatory by Nantucket Police Must have their own liability insurance Pay will be based on prevailing wage guidelines from Town Mary Anne will present a draft plan at our December meeting for full discussion

8. Status of celebration of 2021 Seniors of the Year by Laura Stewart;

2021 seniors will be on Island in January Bill Puder of Faregrounds states that January is fine for them , perhaps the last Thursday of the month . He also said we could cancel at anytime if needed .

9 . Report on Human Services and Covid-19 by Jerico Mele ; Grant time is now and many requests arriving Network on Care, which is a directory of all services on Nantucket should be completed by next month Town no longer giving booster shots Nantucket Cottage hospital providing shots on Mondays ... apply on line Dan's Pharmacy providing Moderna booster shots .
For the time being , 1st and 2nd shots being given on Sundays in the trailer Pediatric Shot approval should happen very soon.

Update on Saltmarsh Programs by Laura Stewart:

A. Arthur Bergeron , free 20 minute legal advice , via zoom , first Wednesday of each month B. Vilma from Hearing Life , at Saltmarsh, once a month on Monday's C. Shawn from At Home Hearing Health Care once a month , on Friday's , at Saltmarsh.
D. Two Samsung tablets with data available for loan E. Chat Group on Tuesdays , 1:00 PM , in great room
F. Nantucket Historic Association offering a program on Tuesday, November 9 at 1:30 PM at Saltmarsh . They will feature some of their artifacts in their collection.
G. The Senior Medical Petrol Program will be zooming a program, Protect Yourself From Medical Fraud . This will be Tuesday, November 16, at 10:30 AM.
H. Cooking with Alice via zoom , on Wednesday, November 17 at 1:00. PM

Other News:

Masks still worn in Saltmarsh

All fitness classes via zoom

Afternoon activities are in person at Saltmarsh Painting will be resuming soon in great room, redoing the ceiling , and new ceiling fans

10. Dementia Friendly Nantucket by Alison K . Forsgren; No news for this month

11. Report on Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands by Alison K . Forsgren; Free radon testing done by state More towns serving congregate lunches
479 people still waiting for Elder Services, because of a lack of providers

12. Report of Nantucket Center of Elder Affairs by Mary Anne Easley:

Annual appeals have been mailed .

Joe Aquiar has replied to questions being asked about the money being spent on Saltmarsh improvements, stating how long it is taking to build new center , and we need a safe and healthy place for our seniors now .

13. Adjournment : motion made by Diane to end meeting at 2:26 , second by Suzi , vote unanimous, motion carries. Meeting ended at 2:26.