

Pelham Council on Aging Minutes
February 10, 2021 3:00 PM
(via Zoom)

Call to order: 3:09 p.m.

Members present: Tracy Osbahr (chair), Grace Dane, Nancy Rose Weeber

Guest: Jane Porter

Each member identified herself by name before offering a motion and when voting on motions.

Minutes: Motion to approve Jan 19, 2021 minutes as written: aye Tracy Osbahr, aye Grace Dane, aye Nancy Rose Weeber.

Warrant articles: Tom Terault, \$50 food delivery; Grace, \$50 (birthday cards); Nancy \$203.84 (i.e., \$120 for MCOA 2020 annual conference and \$83.84 senior survey supplies).

EOEA contract renewal: Renewal for the Pelham COA Formula Grant Contract submitted to Pelham Select Board at Feb 3, 2021 meeting. Contract approved and will be sent to the state.

Presentation of “My Senior Center” software program: Postponed until March 10, 2021 meeting.

Update on Senior Survey distribution and collection: Created, printed, and posted surveys to Pelham Seniors in January. Approximately 50 replies received so far. Tracy will compile responses and share at our March meeting.

Discussion of Covid-19 vaccine access for Pelham seniors: Two COA members and several Pelham seniors have received first covid-19 vaccine, with minimal or no side effects. Tracy provided useful covid-vax info on the website, including vaccination sites in Amherst, Northampton, Greenfield and environs, and will continue to periodically update covid-vax info on the town website, and via emails and phone conversations with seniors. Discussed use of 211 (Amherst Sr. Center hotline, M-F 8:30-5) for help scheduling covid-vax appointments. Nancy reported on Gov. Baker's Feb 10th press briefing: new vaccination sites and additional available appointments. Tracy and Nancy will continue to participate in bi-weekly MCOA covid-vax updates.

Old Business: Will submit same FY2020 budget amount (\$5000) to Finance Committee for FY2021.

New Business: Discussed need for additional COA members, for an outreach worker, and for additional food/meal delivery drivers.

Next meeting, Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 3 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by Nancy Rose Weeber