

Pelham Council on Aging  
Discussion of Budget Proposal to Finance Committee  
March 5, 2020  
Rhodes Building

**Call to Order:** 10:00 AM

**Members present:** Kathy Martell, Grace Dane, Nancy Rose Weeber, Tracy Osbahr

**Guest:** Charles Weeber

**Discussion of Budget Proposal:** In preparation for presenting the COA budget request to the Finance Committee the group agreed the FY'21 request should be for \$5000. The previous request of \$2470 had remained unchanged for at least five years. Rationale for the increased request includes the following points:

- The COA Outreach Worker position stipend is significantly underfunded and has failed to attract a candidate pool. In addition to the stipend, reimbursement for travel 2x/week to Shine Counselor training in Greenfield must be provided.
- Now that there is a full COA, several projects are underway.
  - A Foot Care by Nurses program will provide an essential service to Pelham seniors. Funds will be needed to assist those in need with the fees charged by providers of this service.
  - Regular social/activity times for Pelham seniors will be offered at Community Hall. The MCOA annual grant does not allow expenditures for refreshments, which would be a helpful addition to any social event.
- COA members would like to be able to respond to outreach/training/individual assistance needs that reflect current national events (e.g., 2020 census, coronavirus).

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 3:00 PM in Community Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM. Those in attendance then participated in the meeting with the Finance Committee.