

SALEM COUNCIL ON AGING

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Date and Time: October 21, 2020 at 5:15 P.M.

Meeting Location: Via Zoom

Members Present: Lynda Coffill (LC, Chairperson), Julie Carver (JC, Secretary), Donna Clifford (DC), Alice Williams (AW), George Barbuzzi (GB), Patricia Small (PS), Kristin Macek (KM), and John Russell (JR)

Member Absent: Abigail Butt

Also Present: Teresa Arnold, (TA, Director of the COA)

Clerk: Kathleen Fitzgerald

Meeting Called to Order

LC called the meeting to order at 5:15 P.M.

LC stated that pursuant to Governor Baker's directive on 3/12/20 which supported certain provisions of Chapter 30A, Section 20, there are strict limitations regarding gatherings, so this meeting is being conducted via Zoom. The public and persons who would like to listen may do so by dialing in. All votes taken shall be by roll call.

Roll call was then done.

Motion made by JR to approve the Annual Minutes of October 18, 2019, seconded by KM, roll call was taken and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

LC stated that the year started off strongly and then Covid hit, so meetings were virtual. She advised work had still gone on and the Board was still advocating for more senior housing in the City. She thanked TA and staff for the work done and stated that the article in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield newsletter was great.

New Business:

Election of officers.

JR made a motion to accept the prior appointments as follows: Julie Carver, Secretary, John Russell, Vice Chair, Alice Williams, Treasurer.

LC asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she asked the Secretary to cast a vote for the slate. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

LC presented the Board with the Annual Report of the Chairperson and a Draft Workplan for 2020-2021 and asked if there were any additions or deletions. There were none. The plan includes continued advocacy for increased senior housing, work with the Salem Housing Authority regarding CPA funding for emergency rent, supporting the Friends of the COA, continued involvement with Salem for All Ages, monitoring of CLC needs, budget advocacy for staff positions and advocacy with private developers to have Resident Service Coordinators to work on behalf of senior residents.

JR made a motion to accept the Annual Report and Draft Workplan, seconded by AW and KM and passed unanimously.

JR made a motion to adjourn, PS seconds, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Next Annual Meeting: October 19, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Fitzgerald, Clerk

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