



Town of Dudley

Council on Aging
June 21, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.
Dudley Municipal Complex
71 West Main Street, Dudley, MA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Janice Brady, Chairman, opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m.
In attendance was Jan Brady, Kathy Cormier, Cheryl Leyden, Charle Marlborough and Anita Hickey. Pellegrino Dauria and Carmella D'Ambra were not in attendance.

The Old Business meeting minutes from May 17, 2022 were read by Ms. Cormier. The New Business meeting minutes were read by Ms. Hickey. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by Ms. Cormier and seconded by Ms. Hickey. Unanimous.

2. Old Business:

- a. There will not be any Bemis Farm's Nursery Workshop until September.
- b. Attorney, Laura Silver Traiger presented her workshop on June 6, 2022. Ms. Brady stated approximately 15 people attended. Ms. Traiger explained elderly law and told those in attendance that if anyone had questions, they could call her.
- c. Ms. Brady stated there were fourteen raised beds that are set up on the patio and most of them are taken. She said some people from the Town Hall building ate their lunch on the patio and said how nice it was.
- d. Ms. Brady stated the rain barrels have been delivered.

3. New Business:

- a. Ms. Brady stated there was a Dementia Friends meeting on June 16, 2022. There were plans to have a fair at the end of July. This was cancelled due to lack of time to put it all together.
- b. Ms. Brady stated the next Memory Café to be held on July 21, 2022 will also include a Dementia Friendly Workshop and Open House. There will be live music by Ms. Cormier's son Michael Anthony who sings Neil Diamond songs. The workshop/Open House setup is in the planning stages. They would like the setup to

extend out to the Town Hall entryway as well as the Police Department training room. The workshop/Open House will be from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. These times may change. Possibly starting earlier or going later. She stated volunteers are needed to greet people and hand out pamphlets. She would like to have at least 10-12 volunteers. Those wanting to volunteer should

call Margaret in the Senior Center. The telephone number is 508-949-8015. The purpose of this workshop/Open House is to get information out to the public and educate them about dementia and making Dudley a Dementia Friendly community. In the future, they would like to involve more groups such as the Police Department, Fire Department and other businesses in Dudley. She stated they have met all the categories to be able to make Dudley a Dementia Friendly Community. Council on Aging Director, Margaret Bussiere sits on the Alzheimer committee. Ms. Marlborough asked Chairman Brady if the departments and businesses had their own brochures to hand out. Ms. Brady stated the groups that participate will have to have their own company brochures. This is all in the early planning stages. The committee who are putting this together consists of only 4-5 people. Ms. Marlborough asked when the next meeting for planning this event would be. Chairman Brady stated she didn't have the date with her but would contact her when she gets it. Ms. Marlborough asked if some of the committee members were part of the Dudley Women's Club. Ms. Brady said yes. Ms. Leyden asked if those meetings were still held at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Brady stated yes.

- c. The senior trip that was planned at the Vanilla Bean was cancelled because no one called in to go.
- d. Ms. Brady stated on June 22, 2022 at 11:00 there will be a Serve Safe Food Protection Management Certification Session. Five people will be attending. Following this session there will be a LGBTQ meeting at 12:00 pm. They would like council members to join if available.

Chairman Brady stated the next Council on Aging meeting would be held on September 20, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. The Memory Café will continue throughout the summer. She stated meals would be held in the Senior Center on Mondays and Fridays. There will be no meals delivered on Wednesdays, but Margaret and Christine will be at the Senior Center. People can bring their own lunch and eat it out on the patio.

Ms. Brady informed the Board, Council on Aging Director, Margaret Bussiere will be retiring on September 2, 2022. They have a couple of people interested in the position. If anyone is interested, they can contact Michelle Jervis in the Selectmen's Office.

Ms. Brady found the date and time for the next meeting for planning the "Dementia Friendly Open House". The meeting is on July 7, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Marlborough asked Chairman Brady if there was a timeline given to them as to how long the hiring process takes. She stated the Selectmen were told of her retirement date the prior week.

Ms. Bussiere will continue to do the Memory Café. The hiring process will be conducted through the Selectmen's Office.

Ms. Hickey made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Leyden seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Berg

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