



# Town of Dudley

Council on Aging  
September 20, 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 Janice Brady, Kathy Cormier, Charle Marlborough, Carmella D'Ambra and Anita Hickey. Stephen P. Rogerson, Director of Veterans Services Officer was an ex-officio in attendance.

Pellegrino Dauria and Cheryl Leyden were not in attendance.

Pellegrino Dauria did not request to be reinstated due to ill health. Mr. Rogerson requested to be an ex-officio attendee stating he deals with many elderly veterans and is hoping they can become more involved.

The Old and New Business meeting minutes from June 21, 2022 were read by Ms. Hickey. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read by Ms. Hickey and seconded by Kathy Cormier. Unanimous.

## **2. Old Business:**

- a. Bemis Farms Nursery Workshop has been resumed. The first workshop is on September 26, 2022 – Harvest Porch Pot for \$25.00 and October 24, 2022 – Harvest Cornucopia for \$15. Both will be held at 10:00 a.m. Those interested can sign up by calling the Senior Center at 508-949-8015.
- b. Ms. Brady stated they will try to not have the patio moved for the winter. The move damages the flower beds. She will speak with the Highway Superintendent, Jeff Murray. The plan is to cover the flower beds with plastic tarps to prevent damage to the beds due to ice. The umbrellas will be stored in the Senior Center closet. Hopefully, flower beds will not be relocated.
- c. There was good attendance at the Dementia Friendly Fair and the Memory Café on July 21, 2022. There were 80-90 participants and pizza and desert were served. Dementia Friendly pamphlets were distributed. Dudley has officially been dedicated as a Dementia Friendly Community with the state of Massachusetts.

### **3. New Business:**

- a. The Memory café was held on September 15, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dana Lewis was the entertainer. He brought back many memories with the oldies and goodies music. The next Memory Café will be held on October 20, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Christoph Carter, who is a solo acoustic guitarist, will be the entertainment.
- b. There was a summer trip to the Vanilla Bean Restaurant on August 10, 2022. Nineteen seniors participated and had a very enjoyable lunch.
- c. All members of The Council on Aging signed the Dudley Professional Conduct Policy stating they received it.
- d. Serve Safe Food Protection Management Certifications program and recertification had a total of 5 participants. Members of the Dudley Senior Center/Council on Aging attended. One person is required when serving food to monitor proper preparations and serving policies. Certification is good for 5 years.
- e. Margaret Bussiere, Director of the Senior Center and Council on Aging retired after 11 years of service. She will be missed. As of today, two applicants have shown interest.
- f. There were teaching topics to discuss and evaluate for after the lunches:
  1. Elder Abuse
  2. Fraud Squad Players
  3. Senior Medical Patrol
  4. Tri-Valley Nutritional Class
  5. Long Term Illness Classes (Once a week for 4 weeks)
  6. Proper Disposal of batteries
- g. Miscellaneous plans are in progress to set up the Christmas party.
- h. There was no Coordinator report today.

The next council on aging will be held on October 18, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dudley Municipal Complex, Veterans Memorial Hall, Room 321A.

Ms. D'Ambra made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Marlborough seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Berg