BERKLEY COUNCIL ON AGING
Minutes of Meeting
December 28, 2021

A regular meeting of the Council on Aging was held in the Moitoza - Pettey Hearing Room on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at 9:30a.m. The meeting was duly posted.

Board members present: Chairwoman Margaret Moroff, Wendy Cochrane and Arlene Medeiros.

Staff present: Heather Martin-Sterling, Town Administrator

Public present: Elizabeth Monkowski

I. Call to Order at 9:30a.m.
Margaret Moroff called the meeting to order at the time stated on the posted agenda.

II. Future Business
Council on Aging to discuss the future needs of the Senior Center. Margaret Moroff stated that they need a plan going forward and that the senior center cannot operate with volunteers, possibly to run programs but not able to operate the office with volunteers. She mentioned that she looked at other COA newsletters and Berkley offers the most programs and pays sixty dollars a class. She noted that a previous director offered programs that were free such as crafts and trivia. Margaret Moroff stated that there are about 900 seniors and wants to have activities that attract more seniors. She suggested downloading cable programs for aerobics. She stated that they do not need an activities director but someone with strong computer skills, organized, and can say no to people. Elizabeth Monkowski suggested that the new director put someone else in charge of activities. Wendy Cochrane stated that the director needs to do more directing. She also noted that people have been listening to the messages for Outreach and the director who are not supposed to. Wendy Cochrane asked about getting another phone line strictly for Outreach. Arlene Medeiros stated that they need a strong director. Wendy Cochrane stated as a committee, they need to direct complaints to the director or Town Administrator. Margaret Moroff stated that she wants to set another meeting in two weeks before the Selectmen's meeting on the 19th. She stated that she will continue to dealing with the phones, working with Lucille, and the food programs. She mentioned that she wants to look at attendance for all of the programs. Wendy Cochrane suggested posting a person minimum for each class. Margaret Moroff stated that people want a place to congregate and they need more ideas with less money. Elizabeth Monkowski stated she is happy to help with anything.

III. Adjournment
There being no other business before the Board, Wendy Cochrane motioned to Adjourn, seconded by Arlene Medeiros. All voted in favor to adjourn.

Margaret Clark-Moff
Arlene Medeiros
Wendy Cochrane