Commission on Aging

Meeting

Weston Senior Center

July 10, 2023

Meeting began at 9:07 am

Present: Bruce Lorentzen; Richard Wolf; Alison McElhone; Terry Castellano; Fran Goldstein (via speaker phone); Rose Cruz and Allison Lisbon

Approval of minutes for May 2023; unanimous

Dial-a-Ride: Lovie Hurd has been hired as new dial-a-ride driver. There appears to be some confusion as to having a covering driver utilized on same day that regular driver is working. Bruce will speak with Interim Town Administrator about this. Discussion followed.

Bruce would like to check on the viability of the van in the event that the COA needs to prepare, through the Town, for a new van.

COA membership: discussion followed.

Social Services: Allison Lisbon is very excited about the partnership with Silver Hill Hospital. Discussion followed.

Allison’s assistant, Rashida Miller, is now on staff.

Senior Center: Pickleball: flooring---two proposals: $34,000 for floor that would have rubber sheeting; lines would not be included. Second proposal would be $65,000 for wood flooring. There is a grant that could be used to partially offset the cost. That would be $24,000 with a second grant expected. Question raised as to whether this was a good use of the grant(s) or should the monies be allocated for technology support for seniors.

Discussion followed with Richard requesting an outline as to how the money could be spent.

Discussion followed as to whether there should be a charge for pickleball.

Carla’s position has been filled.

Friends of the Senior Center: Richard Wolf is the new president. Friends will not sponsor the flea market this year.

The major fundraising will be the annual donation request letter.

Rose will share with the commission as to what she would like the Friends to assist with.

Possible registration software program purchase: Rose is completing final research as to the Senior Center using a registration software program. Discussion followed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 am

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Castellano