**COMMISSION ON AGING**

**MEETING**

**SENIOR CENTER**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

**The meeting began at** 9:07 am.

**Present:** Bruce Lorentzen; Richard Wolf; Fran Goldstein (via speakerphone); David Goodman; Alison McElhone; Terry Castellano; Rose Cruz

**Minutes for October:** approved unanimously

**Welcome:** David Goodman; introductions by each COA member

**Dial-a-Ride:** Lovie Hurd has resigned. The position is for 37.5 hours per week. The Town funds this position for four days a week. The state picks up the fifth day. A part time driver’s hours are 19. Rose is actively seeking a replacement for Lovie Hurd. Discussion followed.

**Pickleball update:** Rose proposed a $50 annual fee. Richard stated that the proposed fee is too low. Richard gave a background on the pickleball “facility.” Bruce said part of COA’s charge is that activities should, through fees, pay 50% of costs to maintain and run programs. Discussion followed with the commission agreeing that the issue of pickleball needs further investigation.

**Social Services:** Tabled; Allison Lisbon away on related business

**Senior Center:** Rose described the following: upcoming trips; Thanksgiving lunch; Holiday lunch (Chris Coogan to perform); Holiday gift sale; fundraising letter.

Rose said technology classes are tentatively scheduled for January 24.

Rose reviewed her Wish List (see October minutes). Funding is partially through ARPA funds which must be applied for by June ’24 and used by June ’26. The amount should be $24,000. There is also a donation from an anonymous source that would be targeted for Rose’s wish list. Richard would like a timeline for completion of the wish list. Discussion followed.

**Friends:** Richard reminded the COA that Friends does not underwrite any “bricks and mortar” expenses. Discussion followed.

**COA member:** one more needed

**Next meeting:** Monday, December 4.

**Adjourned:** 11:12 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Castellano