

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Council of Aging Minutes of the Meeting August 7th, 2018 9:30 am Rose Baker Senior Center 6 Manuel F. Lewis Street, Gloucester, MA 01930

Board members present: Chairperson: Jay Gustafarro; Roseanne Cody; Susan Goodall; Selma Bell; Fred Cowan; Rosalie Nicastro; and Barry McKay. Senior Center Director: Lucy Sheehan. Absent: Hank Camille; Bob Quinn; Valerie Gilman; and Mike Hale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. McKay to approve the Gloucester Council of Aging minutes of the meeting of June 5, 2018.
Seconded by Mr. Cowan.

OLD BUSINESS

FORMULA GRANT- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that Governor Baker's request for an increase in the Formula Grant for \$12.00 per senior for FY19, was approved by the House.

SUPPORTED DAY CARE- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that we have been cleaning up the Supportive Day Care room. She stated that many craft items were donated to the school children. She stated we are waiting now for the City to come and paint the room and office. She stated that a representative from NeedyMeds will set up in the office area with computer, twice a month and will assist seniors with medication costs.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR- *Ms. Sheehan* stated that the 7th annual Health and Wellness Fair was on Tuesday, July 24 at the Senior Center. She stated that they had 40 tables at the fair. She stated that she received very good feedback regarding the fair. She stated that they will have a Public Safety Fair with Gloucester Police & Fire Department, and Triad at the Senior Center on September 20.

MEALS PROGRAM- *Mr. Cowan* stated that there was a grant that was written with the Health Department and the Open Door Food Pantry with the Essex Community Foundation to fund the salad bar on Fridays and that funding has disappeared. He stated that the board should think of some fundraising ideas to fund the salad bar. *Ms. Goodall* stated that a booth at the Farmer's Market on Thursdays might help with fundraising efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

REUSABLE BAGS- *Carter Whitlock* of the Clean City Commission appeared before the board. She stated that the Clean City Commission has several reusable bags that they would like to donate and distribute to the seniors at the Senior Center. She stated that she would like to include some educational information when she

does the distribution. *Mrs. Nicaastro* stated that if they need more bags they should contact the Health Department. Ms. Sheehan stated that the flu clinics would be a good place to distribute bags and information. *Ms. Sheehan* stated that a flu clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 from 9-1. *Mr. McKay* stated that the bag ban that will go into effect in January will only effect store owners, not consumers.

CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS

COA MEETING TIMES- Selma Bell raised the matter of changing the board meeting time. The board agreed to change the time of the Council of Aging meeting times to 9 a.m.

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to change the Gloucester Council of Aging meeting start times to 9 a.m. **Seconded** by Ms. Goodall.

MOTION by Mr. Cowan to adjourn.
Seconded by Ms. Bell. **CARRIED.**
Meeting Adjourned – 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Orlando

Accepted by

Jay Gustaferrero, Chairperson