

Minutes

Advisory Board for the Easton Senior Center

April 13, 2021 – 3:30 p.m. Easton Senior Center

Present: Mary Ann Freeman; Althea J. Falco; Wendy Bowditch; Prabha Gupta; Patricia Camuto (via phone conference); Val Buckley.

Excused absence: Anne Fiyalka; Eunice Hanson; Sally England; Beth Ross; Randy Shapiro; Joan Kirk.

1. Mary Ann Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. All attending members wore masks and seating was six feet apart from one another.
2. Wendy Bowditch moved, Mary Ann Freeman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board Meeting of March 9, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Val Buckley addressed the following items in her **Executive Director's Report** and under **New Business**. Fund raising for the purchase of a new van has reached over \$9,000.00. Donations continue to come in. Val Buckley applied for and received a \$51,500.00 grant towards the purchase of the van. Val also applied for and received a New Freedom Grant in the amount of \$41,000.00 which covers the cost of the hours for the van driver above and beyond the Town's budget line. Gas and maintenance for the van are also covered under this grant when used for those hours. A Transportation Grant was also received in the amount of \$19,999.00 which covers the cost of a part time van driver to work on Saturdays and Sundays. The Progressive Tag Sale is doing great and proceeds are \$1,886.45 to date. Beginning the week of April 19th, a "1/2 Off Price Sale" will begin and continue until April 30th. The sale will close until May 10th at which time will start a \$5 a bag/closeout event. Classes are restarting with limited capacity, i.e., weaving, art, and various card games. Movies continue to draw the maximum amount of people and showings are three to four times weekly. Lectures and round tables are scheduled throughout the month and attended on a reservation basis. First Selectman Bindelglass will write a monthly letter to the seniors which will be included in the monthly newsletter from the center. A Girl Scout troop planted daffodils and hyacinths throughout the gardens in front of the center during the Fall. The flowers are now in bloom and look wonderful. Protocol and guidelines have been established at the center as a result of COVID. In addition to those in place, beginning May 1st, all employees, volunteers, and those coming to the center for programs and classes will be required to be vaccinated. If a second dose is scheduled after that date, this also is acceptable. Vaccination cards should be shown and a list of names kept on file. Those who do not get vaccinated, will be required to have a COVID test 72 hours prior to coming into the center.
4. Wendy Bowditch moved to go into Executive Session. Althea J. Falco seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 4:07 p.m. Wendy Bowditch moved to come out of Executive Session at 4:20` p.m. Prabha Gupta seconded the motion and the meeting returned to regular session. No votes or action was taken in Executive Session.
5. Althea J. Falco moved to adjourn the meeting. Prabha Gupta seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. The **next meeting** of the Advisory Board is scheduled for **May 11, 2021** at 3:30 p.m. at the Easton Senior Center.

Submitted by Althea J. Falco, Secretary