



**Town of Amherst Council on Aging Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Virtual meeting via Zoom**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rosemary Kofler-Vice Chair, Jacquelyn Smith-Crooks -Co Chair, Charles Fuller, Greg Bascomb, Mila Montemayor, Terry Carr, Hayley Bolton, Director of Senior Services

**ABSENT:** Karen Helfer, Christina Scharbaai, Dennis Vandal

**GUESTS:** Mindy Domb, Representative, Dorothy Pam, Representative

This meeting was recorded and will be posted on the Town of Amherst website.

**Call to Order and Welcome** – Rosemary Kofler-Vice Chair

**Public Comment**

*Residents are welcome to express their views up to 3 minutes. The Board will not engage in dialogue or comment on the matter. There were no comments.*

**Presentations and Discussion** - facilitated by Rosemary Kofler-Vice Chair

**Directors Update** – Hayley Bolton

- a Open House on May 11<sup>th</sup> was well attended. They had 65-70 people stopped by. WWLP and the Gazette were there taking pictures and did some interviews. Seniors want more dance classes added to the schedule.
- b In April 2022 we served 965 seniors. Senior Center has 30 seniors stop by in a day.
- c Age/Dementia Friendly Listening Session. May 23, 2022. Call Senior Ctr for more information. We had 830 surveys returned.
- d CBDG Grant application is not ready yet to be filled out. Hayley will let us know when it is ready.
- e Letter writing campaign-Hayley would like someone from COA to write a letter for the next newsletter, encouraging seniors to write and tell us what they would like to see at Senior Center.
- f PVRTA is going to sell us a used van. We need to find a driver, budget, etc. before this service can be implemented. Mindy Domb helped Hayley with this project.
- g Hearing loss program was very good.

h Meeting with Town Services and Outreach is on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 630pm

**COA Leadership-** Rosemary (Vice Chair) and Jacquelyn's (Co Chair) leadership terms are up June 30, 2022.

- a Jacquelyn asked if anyone is interested in either role. Chad suggested we change how this is done going forward. Each member needs to be more actively engaged.  
\*Chad also said he would consider having overlapping terms in leadership and consideration for mentorship.
- b There needs to be a lot of discussion on this .  
COA also needs a leader to help set up the Agenda with Hayley each month.  
Hayley would prefer it to be the same person as it would be easier for her. As she is new and we have four new COA Members. The Chair usually does the agenda.

**Diversity and Inclusion** – Jennifer Moyston, Assistant Director

- a Jennifer was not here tonight. Do board members want to schedule this workshop for a meeting in July? Members felt that this was not the right time.

**Action Items:** Outreach office hours with Town Councilors at Amherst Senior Center. District 4, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1030AM, District 2, June 20<sup>th</sup> 10AM, District 3, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 1230pm.  
Reach out to your Town Councilors for any and everything.

**Approval of Minutes** – April 14, 2022 COA minutes of meeting were approved.

**Next COA Meeting:** Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 5:00 PM via Zoom

**Adjournment at 6:30 PM**

**Submitted by Terry Carr, Secretary-Amended on 7/21/22**