



CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN
and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Open meeting—This meeting is held at the Chester Town Hall in the COA room with a virtual option.

Selectboard members present, John Baldasaro and Andy Sutton. Town Hall staff present included Administrative Assistant Terry Donovan, Water Commissioner Bob Daley, Tax Collector Mary Ann Pease, Kiersen Broman, William Broman, Norma McDonald, Eileane Gilmore, Rich Holzman, Carol Stenico, Avril Willemain, Ann Daley, Barbara Huntoon, Craig Gauthier, Rosanne McLaughlin, Jessica Sakaske, Shelly Holzman, Ellen Colsen, Marge, and a few remotely.

This meeting was to interview the two candidates for the COA director position. John Baldasaro started with the first question, What do you see as the plans for the COA in the upcoming year?

- **Kiersen Broman**

- More open hours at the COA maybe 10-2 daily
- Two more days for lunches
- 1 day a month plan day trips to museums, hair appts etc
- Do a potluck lunch or dinner monthly
- Continue with the foot clinic
- More game days
- Hot dog movie days
- BP Clinic
- Weekly yoga or arobiocs
- Craft days
- Sunday ice cream socials
- The COA should be an inviting place to go to , to socialize and entertain.

- **Ann Daley**

- Ann stated that when she started as COA director it was during Covid and she was asked to build the COA back up.
- she started the foot clinic and has increased the meals
 - Have a new driver on the FRTA van so using that more
 - worked on health clinics BP/COVID/Insurance counselor
 - Started the “are you safe” program with the past chief
 - she has had ice cream socials , St Patrick’s day entertainment, Dan Kane singers, Family movie night, picnics at the train station



- Grant proposal for exercise program with Russell and Middlefield
- wants to meet in August with volunteers to finalize the new year activities
- feels covid restrictions stopped a lot of activities.

John opened the floor up to seniors for their thoughts.

Ellen Colson- wants more socialization, feels they were locked out of the COA , misses the birthday celebrations and pot lucks

Marge- looking for socialization , has been going to other senior centers because Chester is not open
Ann – the COA was closed due to covid and their keys taken for their own safety

Marge- said she had to turn in her keys and foot clinic paperwork and was accused of stealing money

Norma – there are senior activities in other towns why not Chester

Eilane Gilmore-enjoyed coming before would like to come again but not open enough, use to be governed by a COA board but that dissolved

Ann- asked for input from seniors and no one replied, hard to make plans with no feedback, health and safety is her focus, this year planning on doing more but no one shows up

Carol Stenico- plans never announced not in CJ how to get the word out

Ann- wants a new list of seniors from Terry but has spoken to Don about it and has not seen one.

Andy Sutton – Asked Kiersen if she has ever managed a business before

Kiersen said she has helped her church, and family and friends with their finances

Ann stated she is under obligation with HVES to provide a clean bathroom that is why she hired someone other than Dave to clean, she claims she spoke with Don and has been called names and ridiculed and accused of things by Don so getting no help there.

John stated that Ann was told not to have outside cleaning come in but she continues to, Ann said she was not clear on that from the past discussion.

John stated that Ann is to make a key and give Dave access to clean.

John and Andy discussed.

Decided that Co-directors would be the decision. Trial period for 6 months, work together and salary to be split

Also want the COA advisory board to be back in action

John made a motion to appoint Ann and Kiresen as co- directors, for review in 6 months.

Andy Sutton seconded all in favor.

John made a motion to adjourn , Andy seconded.

Meeting Adjourned 7:52pm



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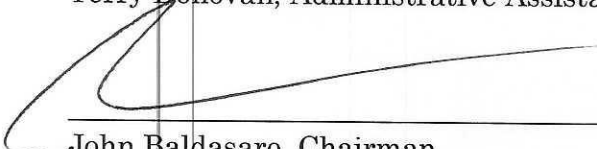
Respectfully Submitted



Terry Donovan, Administrative Assistant

7/10/23

Date Signed



John Baldasaro, Chairman

Date Signed

Vice Chairman


Andy Sutton, Clerk

Date Signed
7/17/23

Date Signed