

**COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Willcutt Commons  
91 Sohier Street  
Cohasset, Ma 02025

March 14, 2022

**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Elinore Barrett, Elaine Coyne, Rich Hynes, Diana Karcher, Paul Kierce, Sarah Livermore, Taffy Nothnagle, Jim Murphy, Beth Tarpey

Not in Attendance: Tana Carlson, Jim Carpenter, Sue Reagan

Also Attending: Nancy Lafauce, Nettie Nuttle by zoom

Diana Karcher, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

**Treasurer's Report**

Report includes January and February information.

Both January and February General Fund expenses were in line with our typical monthly average expense of \$25,000. Year to date expenditures continue to remain within our total budget with an overall 61% expenditure rate for the eight month period ending February 28.

Column two includes receipts and expenses of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Food Insecurity Award AND the Formula Grant.

As mentioned in prior meetings, our entire \$10,000 award from ARPA funds was recorded by the Town in October. Actual cash received to date on the award is \$2,857. We expect to receive the remaining payments in 5 equal installments of \$1,428 every six months through March 2024. Our next payment is expected by the end of this month early April.

Confirmation has been received that our 2022 Formula Grant has been approved in the same amount as last year. The grant payment of \$20,256 is expected in May.

ARPA grant expenditures, all food related, total \$3,444 at February 28 (no change since January month end). Formula Grant expenditures total \$7,829 at February 28, the majority covering Nettie's payroll in connection with our accreditation with the NISC.

As of February 28, total Revolving Fund expenses exceeded receipts by \$4,221. In January, the Town reclassified first quarter Revolving Fund food related expense items, totaling \$1,718, to expenses of the ARPA grant. Second quarter food costs, totaling \$1,350 remain recorded as revolving fund expenses and are not expected to be reclassified against the ARPA grant. In prior years, these food related expenses were recorded as congregate meals expense in our general budget. The Revolving Fund balance at February 28 is \$19,125.

Our total Gift Fund balance at January 30 is \$55,239. Our unrestricted gift fund balance is \$34,518. February gift revenue of \$1,315 includes a \$1,000 gift from St. Stephens. January and February gift expenses were primarily for social worker payroll.

### **Director's Report**

Please see Nancy's report attached.

### **Other Business**

Paul asked about the ARPA Grant. Nancy said it's a federal program that runs through the state and we are still developing the program to use the funds. Some ideas so far include gift vouchers for the Farmer's Market; supporting those at 60 Elm, and the First Day Home program for any senior who needs food.

Paul also said he had a conversation with Brian Host (Capitol Budget Committee) about purchasing a new wheelchair van. Brian asked if we had any money to contribute to the purchase.

Pickleball courts are on hold. Swim Center that owns the land under consideration, has to prioritize their projects this year.

Taffy asked about MBTA passes for seniors. Nancy will look into it.

## **National Institute of Senior Centers**

Nettie joined us by zoom.

Nettie asked if we had updated our by-laws. Paul said we updated in May 2018 and the Board approved.

She also said the Select Board agreed and voted to be an Age Friendly town. Next step is for the Select Board to go through the program, approve each step, then send for accreditation. AARP will then have final approval.

**Next meeting date: Monday, April 11, 2022.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elinore Barrett, Secretary

