



**TOWN OF SHREWSBURY**  
**Council on Aging**  
Shrewsbury Senior Center  
98 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398

**Council on Aging Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**Minutes**

**Members in attendance:** Shashi Menon, Louise Russell, Virginia Leonard, Betsy Zuegg, Judy Goodstein, Jean Campaniello

**Staff in attendance:** Hollie Lucht, Christine Moriarty, Renee D'Argento

The meeting was recorded by Marc Serra, Manager of the Shrewsbury Media Connection.

1. The October 2021 meeting was called to order at 9:00am. Roll call to confirm participation.
2. Election of COA Board members: Vice Chair Virginia Leonard; Recording Secretary Betsy Zuegg  
Motion to accept slate; motion carried.
3. Motion to change November meeting to November 17. This will allow Hollie and staff to give full attention to the Veterans' Grab and Go Lunch to November 10. Motion carried.
4. Review of financial reports
  - a. Gift Fund: balance of \$27,959.64.
    - i. Question about the purchase of extra shovels, etc. Supply needed to be replenished.
    - ii. Question about water, water bottles, etc. Some of these supplies are for the new Walking Club. They get water and granola bars as needed. Other uses for the water are for classes and for Senior Center guests.
    - iii. Question about whistles for seniors. They are giveaways.
    - iv. General discussion about the uses of the Gift Fund. Gift Fund is created from donations to be used for outreach, food share program, etc. Created from the generosity of townspeople to support our priorities.
    - v. Discussion about what expenses come out of which accounts.
    - vi. Discussion about warranties for equipment that is purchased and distributed to seniors.
  - b. Formula Grant: balance of \$79,695.88
  - c. D.O.T. Grant: balance of \$6,412.06
  - d. Shared Winter Streets Grant: balance of \$14,019.42
  - e. Taxi Livery Grant: balance of \$14,088.50
  - f. Revolving Account: balance of \$27,872.57
  - g. General Fund Account: balance of \$22,087.95

5. Director's Report:

- a. Outreach Coordinator Renee D'Angento
  - i. Small home repair program very popular
  - ii. Fuel assistance program starting to get busy
  - iii. Requests for housing information and legal help are increasing
  - iv. Programming: Grief and Loss Support, with new program starting Oct 21, Anti-bullying program at housing authority, smart phone basics training, Medicare information for seniors
- b. Strategic Plan Update and Town Strategic Plan:
  - i. Hollie met with Town Manager. Because the Town of Shrewsbury is doing its own Strategic Plan, it was suggested that the COA focuses on meeting its 2019 goals and develop new goals at this time. The Town of Shrewsbury is in the process of deciding which vendor will provide support for the town-wide Strategic Plan, so it is suggested that we wait for that decision.
- c. FY22 Programs/Activities
  - i. November Bear hunt: placing signs around town to get people outside and to use their phones. Prizes for participation!
  - ii. Veterans' Grab and Go Luncheon: Napoli Deli is providing the food, which will be dropped off. Hollie is requesting COA members to join her and the staff in packaging the food between 11:00 and 11:30am on Nov. 10. The pickup is from 1:00-2:00pm. There will be a wartime-music band playing in the lobby to help create a festive atmosphere.
  - iii. Goal to reach out to other organizations providing services to seniors. For example, Whittier Rehab will deliver a Fall Prevention program. These new programs will be recorded from now on so that they can be shared for widespread availability.
- d. Grants and Contributions Updates-
  - i. Nutrition program- Food sharing pantry is available. Hollie is making this service more visible by placing a table in the lobby of the Senior Center with items that are provided to anyone. All donations to support this program are welcomed.
  - ii. Taxi livery grant- provides rides after business hours. Call the Senior Center for information.
  - iii. Shared Winter Streets- supplies have been re-ordered (scoops, shovels, vests, etc)
  - iv. Stop and Shop Bloomin'4Good program- grateful for an anonymous donor who arranged for the Senior Center to participate. The Senior Center receives a donation when an arrangement is sent. Thanks to the anonymous donor!
  - v. American Rescue Plan Act- Town Manager asked each department for priorities for the expenditure of the funds. Hollie requested to have Grab and Go items paid through April with these funds. This represents \$1,500

per month. She also requested the funds to hire a Marketing Coordinator.  
If funded, it would be for four years. Decisions are pending.

6. Review and Act on Program/Service/Activity Updates
  - a. Route Match information is being reviewed.
7. Motion to adjourn; motion carried.
8. Meeting adjourned at 10:38a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Zuegg

Recording Secretary, Council on Aging Board