

**Northampton Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes APPROVED
6/13/19**

At the Northampton Senior Center, 67 Conz Street, Northampton

Present: Gerriann Butler, Robert Dionne, Michael Ford, Dennis Helmus, Jeanne Henry Hoose, Cynthia Langley, Donna Park, Kathy Pekala Service, Marie Westburg, Kim Park.

Excused: Kathie Bredin, Deborah Epstein, Casey Fowler, Mary Lastowski

Absent: Ben Capistrant

Call to Order

- Gerriann Butler called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Public Session – No one was present from the public.

Review and approval of minutes from the previous meeting

- A motion was made by Robert Dionne and seconded by Cindy Langley to approve the 5/16/19 minutes with one change-Jeanne Henry Hoose's name be spelled correctly. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcements: Gerriann handed out the Green River Festival line up. There is a quorum of members for voting.

Old Business

1. **Name tags for Council Members:** Name tags will be up at the front desk for all Council Members if they choose to wear them.

New Business

1. **Election of Officers:** Gerriann Butler turned the role of acting chair over to Cindy Langley to run the elections. The slate included Gerriann Butler for Chair, Dennis Helmus for Vice Chair and Kathy Service for Secretary/Clerk. A motion was made by Jeanne Henry Hoose and seconded by Robert Dionne to approve the slate. No additional nominations were given. The slate was unanimously approved.

2. **Assistant Director's Report:**

1. **Volunteer Recruitment:** Volunteers are needed to help in the Coffee Shop, at reception and for dispatch. Chronicle writers are needed for stories for the paper as well as prose.

2. **New Working groups to inform planning for inclusivity/diversity in programs, evaluating programs, building upgrades, and outdoor furniture:** There are currently focus groups working on Movies, Arts & Culture and upcoming meetings are scheduled on 6/14 to work on program ideas to address Diversity and to select Outdoor Furniture.

3. **Director's Report:** A program coordinator has been hired - Nancy Yesu. She is starting Monday. Kim announced she is leaving. Marie will be starting the process of looking for another Assistant Director. She is starting to work with the Gazette on marketing and publication support. Staff Assistant, Chris Rodriguez, has left for a new position. Kathy, Cindy and Marie are going to The ReImagining Aging Summit in Worcester next week. The Conway School of Design will be helping to redesign the greenspace onsite. There will be a cooking club for ten weeks in the summer to coincide with the Farm Share. The Farm Share starts July 10th. Funding approved by the Mayor and City Council will be available July 1st, 2019 for upgrades to the interior space including technical upgrades.

Other Business

1. No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

Cindy Langley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kathy Service seconded it at 4:15 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Next NCOA Council Meeting:** Thursday, July 11th, 2019, at 3:30 at the Northampton Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted by _____
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