

## March 17, 2021

### Attendees:

Ruthann Dobek, Elenore Parker, Yolanda Rodriguez, Susan Granoff, John Seay, Ruth Seidman, Matthew Weiss, David Trevvett, Melissa Trevvett.

Guests: Nancy Heller, Carol Caro.

### 1. **Note Taker** Matthew Weiss

### 2. **Report from John, Elenore, and Ruth on membership**

- a. Written report distributed to all by Ruth Seidman.
- b. Report was distributed to the Steering Committee.
- c. Need to use one to one contacts to seek new members to strengthen our advocacy positions.
- d. Need to use one to one contacts to seek a Chair of the Membership committee.
- e. Consider donations instead of dues from membership.
- f. Melissa Trevvett and Carol Caro will speak to Jude Kidd about becoming co-chair with Melissa.
- g. Ruth will stay involved in membership activities to monitor.

### 3. **Candidates Afternoon – tentatively scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

- a. Ruthann Dobek will work with Michael Allen and Carol to setup Candidates Afternoon for Select Board, Moderator and statements from the School Committee candidates.
- b. Communications Committee will prepare a press release for the Candidates Forum.
- c. LCAC will prepare questions for the candidates.
- d. Note mail-in voting and early voting for the May 4th election.
- e. Matt Weiss will be MC for the Candidates Forum and give a pitch for BrooklineCAN.
- f. Melissa will contact Carol to discuss Candidates Forum date and will copy Susan Granoff and Ruthann.
- g. Big ballot question is changing Town Clerk position to appointed rather than elected.
- h. Consider adding a statement of the other items on the ballot at the end of the Candidates Forum.

### 4. **Update on Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles (Susan)**

- a. Monitor the 41 Warrant Articles.
- b. Next LCAC meeting Paula Friedman and David Lescolhier are presenting re short term rental warrant articles and CPA (Community Preservation Act) ballot question respectively.

**5. Update on Brookline Forward proposal**

- a. Explore and follow Raul Fernandez and Bernard Greene proposals for reimagining policing.
- b. It was reported that Raul Fernandez stated he was willing to redo the chart removing CoA and BrooklineCAN.
- c. Ruthann noted Raul approach involves a whole other layer of administration added to Health and Human Services.
- d. Discussion re the organization formal name Brookline Community Aging Network (BrooklineCAN), but people may informally refer to it as BCAN or CAN.

**6. Pedestrian Advisory Committee update (David)**

- a. David Trevvett reported Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) was impressed with DPW Commissioner Erin Gallentine and DPW requests for CDBG grants.
- b. David will continue to work on the street lighting report.

**7. Update on Age-Friendly Business initiative**

- a. Ruth to raise Age Friendly Business (AFB) review of businesses by Bea Mikulecky at next Communications Committee Meeting.
- b. Matt will update AFB list based on Bea's review.

**8. Discussion of Age Friendly Cities Committee**

- a. Matt will report activities of the Age Friendly Cities Committee.
- b. AFC and BrooklineCAN will consider AARP designation of Brookline as an age friendly city.
- c. Consider cooperative efforts between AFC and BrooklineCAN.
- d. Ruthann will follow up on possible AARP designation based on WHO application and following reports over the years.

**9. Expanding BrooklineCAN membership (Recruitment ideas)**

- a. John, Elenore and Ruth – Review donations replacing dues.

**10. Treasurers report (John Seay)**

- a. No issues.

**11. Committee reports**

- a. Communications
  - i. Newsletter – Candidate Forum and election articles describing special arrangements for voting; article on Betsy Pollock letter in support of the Senior Center;
  - ii. News Releases – Elenore will produce and distribute news release re Serenade Chocolate and 10<sup>th</sup> article on AFB hardware stores and will send the list of previous articles.
  - iii. Website – John reported new website AFB pages.
  - iv. AFC-TV – will invite Sandy Gadsby retiring Town Moderator.

- b. Livable Community – LCAC meeting is scheduled 4/5/2021 with Paula Friedman and David Lescholier reporting.
- c. Education
  - i. No new report.

**12. Next Meeting**

- a. April 21, 2021 3pm

**13. Old & new business**

- a. None.