

May 18, 2022

Attendees: Ruthann Dobek, Susan Granoff, Elenore Parker, John Seay, Carol Seibert, Ruth Seidman, David Trevvett, Matt Weiss, Sonia Wong.

1. Annual Meeting- September 15, 2022 5-7 PM

- a. Ruthann Dobek reported
 - i. Marsha Frankel & Ellen Bick of Membership leading.
 - ii. Planning an in person event with light entertainment.
 - iii. Low key but members can bring friends to the event.
 - iv. Definitely recruiting activities included.
 - v. Will stress BrooklineCAN advocacy, activities, education and communication material.
 - vi. Food will be provided (perhaps to-go items).
 - vii. Budget similar to budget for 2019 meeting.
 - viii. Consider awards for BrooklineCAN contributors.
 - ix. Plan to recognize Frank Caro (perhaps play video tribute to him which is 10-15 minutes.
 - x. More to come at next meeting.

2. Update on ARPA Funding

- a. Ruthann reported.
 - i. First round approved by the Select Board now need to concentrate on remaining \$19M for second round.
 - ii. Focus on pedestrian lighting, Senior Center mental health services (e.g., clutter and hoarding cases).
- b. Unknown when second round will begin.

3. Discussion of Town Meeting warrant articles

- a. Warrant article 30
 - i. Neither of the current versions were used but a new version has been prepared.
 - ii. Susan Granoff – Complicated issue pitting local business needs against the needs of seniors for affordable housing.
 - iii. New version requires that the 39 parking spots be supplied in some manner for the project to proceed.

4. Status of Application to AARP as an Age-Friendly Community

- a. Matt – No progress.

5. BrooklineCAN's Age-Friendly Business Program

- a. Discussion regarding future of the program
 - i. No discussion.
- b. Collaboration on follow up with Town's brochure addressing accessibility
 - i. No discussion.

- c. Grant progress from JF&CS
 - i. Stage 1 complete – Review and update existing businesses.

Please reference the Age-Friendly material found on website:

https://www.brooklinecan.org/age_friendly_business.html

- ii. Stage 2 is outreach for new age-friendly businesses.
- iii. Top Drawer is potential next news release.
- iv. Result of Stage 1 was removal of 11 of the 111 businesses.
 - i. John Seay provided a link showing businesses removed.
 - ii. https://www.brooklinecan.org/afb_list.php?notactive=yes

6. Treasurers (John)

- a. Little change with few expenses and income of about \$500.

7. Committee reports

- a. Membership
 - i. See annual meeting report (item 1 in minutes)
- b. Communications
 - i. Newsletter – June Senior Center events published, Yoga Day which is a joint Recreation and Health Departments effort, a Public Art Frolic, and a new Parks series starting with the Minot Rose Garden.
 - ii. News Releases – None.
 - iii. Website – No Report.
 - iv. AFC-TV – Episode 37 will be Alexandra Vecchio Director of Parks Department, then Josh Cooke and Leigh Jackson of Recreation (Note Brookline Day is September 18th in Coolidge Corner), then Sigalle Reese Director of Health Department.
- c. Livable Communities – Carol Seibert reported.
 - i. Next meeting June 13th – Two members of the Transportation Board will be presenting Vision Zero, a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries.
 - ii. Study committee formed by the Select Board for Vision Zero.
 - iii. Vision Zero potentially has both a safety and funding impact.
 - iv. Pedestrian lighting wrongly not considered a safety issue.
- d. Education
 - i. **Review of “I’m Getting Older Too”:** Challenges and Benefits Experienced by Very Old Parents and Their Children

Speaker: Elizabeth Gallagher **April 27, 5:30PM** at Goddard House

- ii. Stephen Post- “Dignity for Deeply Forgetful People” scheduled **May 24 at 5:30PM** at Brookline Senior Center.
- iii. Jane Fleishman- “Let’s Get Physical: Biopsychosocial Aspects of Sexuality and Aging” **Wed, June 15th from 1:30PM-3PM**
- iv. Re-invite Harry Margolis- “Getting Your Ducks in Order”.
- v. All the Lonely People” update.

8. Old & new business

- a. None

9. Next meeting: Wednesday, June 15th