



**COUNCIL ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL
2022-07-13**

Members: Chair Judith Hoag, Director: Lois Leonardo-Bell, Sharon Barry, Char Gero, Patricia R. Jones, Crystal Main, Marilyn R. Miller Marge Pierre . Guest: Kelly McCarthy
Regrets: Laurie Lafreniere and Noreen P. Suriner
Meeting began at 1:08

- A visitor from Highland Valley, Kelly McCarthy is here to highlight several programs available through Highland Valley such as the Family Caregiver program which includes programs such as “Mass Health and Take Charge” These programs could provide stipends to family members providing care to family. Shine & Benefit Counselors are free services to help us with insurance choices and find out our eligibility for benefits such as the Snap program. Cleaning, transportation and respite services such as day care are also available. Day care services are located in Westfield and Springfield. Driver positions are available for home delivered meals. Brochures are available that list all these services. Other devices include lifeline devices, hospital beds, grab bars and incontinent products. All programs are based on income eligibility. Nurses in Greenfield have foot care services. Kelly will ask about availability in this area.
- Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written of July 6. Motion passed unanimously.
- Tony Devechi’s Service: Sharon McDonald’s request for the COA to sponsor needs to be investigated further. How many people could be attending?
- Next meeting is August 10
- Meeting adjourned at 2:10
- Respectfully submitted,
- Suzanne C. Lemieux