



**COUNCIL ON AGING
MEETING MINUTES
MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL
2022-03-02**

Members: Chair Judith Hoag, Treasurer Laura Lafreniere, Sharon Barry, Patricia R. Jones, Crystal Main, Marge Pierre and Noreen P. Suriner.

Regrets: Lois Leonardo-Bell, Charlene Gero and Marilyn R. Miller,
Meeting began at 1:00.

- December 1 minutes were approved on motion by Noreen, Laura 2nd, vote unanimous.
- 2022-2023 budget for COA was level funded. Lois requested a 3% raise.
- BerkshireSpring still has not found drivers. We are getting water from the town hall.
- Discussion of Senior Center maintenance and upcoming special town meeting that will address the issue.
- Noreen will ask Lee Audio to come to the April 6th next meeting to discuss their life alert system.
- Judy contacted Highland Valley, FRTA, and Lifeline with no call backs. Berkshire Alliance who has been hired to report on covid and other illnesses, provides us with 1 to 3 wellness events. She will follow up with Laura at the alliance, find out what the correct protocol is in pursuing Crystal Kruszyna and approach Huntington Health Center in our quest to have blood pressure clinics.
- Discussed walking schedule. Decided to meet on April 5th at 9:30 at the senior center and walk to the Middlefield fairgrounds to begin. Miracle Mile, Silver Sneakers and Wolftrax were discussed. Noreen will bring in her silver sneakers tapes next week at 11:30.
- The Fire Department has made 12 sand deliveries to seniors, as promised. Next Tuesday the 8th, Sharon will receive and deliver cookies and brownies made by Marge and others to the Fire Department at 7pm. to thank them for their thoughtfulness.
- The Golden Cane Award has been scheduled for March 23 for Tony DeVecchi. Lunch will be served and the ceremony will follow. Noreen will work on finding a certificate, picture frame, gold paint, and a cane. She also volunteered to provide a ham or turkey. Judy will order a cake. Curt Robie will be asked to make the presentation and the event will be published to the town website and the Country Journal.
- Marge provided a list of pros and cons of keeping the senior center open. The STM has been rescheduled to March 26 at 10:00am. The Building Commissioner can be consulted about building capacity at both the senior center and town hall, the town center needs to be defined, the historic value, is it on the historic register, Judy will check on that, the need for a social center, events that have occurred here. Upkeep and repairs are expensive. Covid has influenced attendance, Judy will have a list of people that have utilized the building before Covid .
- Meeting adjourned at 3:23

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne C. Lemieux