

FREETOWN COUNCIL ON AGING

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January 6, 2022

Call to Order: 3:08 pm

<u>Roll Call</u>: Evelyn Alves, Bruce Wilbur, Robin Kendrick, Marion Rylands, Alfred "Sonny" Barros, Victoria Brownell, Ruth Ferland and Barbara Place.

<u>Meeting Minutes</u> of December 15, 2021-Bruce made the motion Evelyn seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Food Bank: Jean Fox and Craig Cabral Representatives from the Regional Food Pantry and Interim Town Administrator Deb Pettey in attendance. Jean Fox and Craig Cabral both spoke how hundreds of people use this. They receive many donations from CFC Inc., Poland Springs etc. This meeting is to decide when we can have the seniors go to the food pantry. All the COA has to do is tell them the day and time that would work for the seniors. A "Smart box" will be installed and then it can be opened remotely. Much discussion on the operation of the food pantry. This is a welcome addition to the Town.

Old Business:

<u>Formula Grant</u>, we still have to discuss what would benefit the seniors this year. Funding has not come in yet.

<u>Telephone</u>, spoke to the Board that phones are not working properly. One phone has the wrong phone number not the senior center number. We cannot transfer calls etc.

<u>30 day Review of Senior Clerks</u>: Board will do this. Robin Kendrick and Marion Rylands to review performance and any new ideas.

Oven/stove, needs cleaning, Bruce will take care of this.

<u>SERVE Safe</u> needs to be sent to Boston, Brown Bag. Also permit is needed for the Town.

Suggestion: Bruce Wilbur talked to Lu-Ann Administrative Assistant about a Server here at the Council on Aging.

Bruce Wilbur will be putting together a sub-committee for projects.

Marion Rylands made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Robin Kendrick all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Place, Director