

**Wellfleet Council on Aging Advisory Board
Minutes for November 20, 2019**

Present: Robin Slack (Chair), Sarah Multer, Evelyn Savage, Laura Gazzano, Paddy Shannon, Peggy Carnduff, Dian Reynolds, Suzanne Thomas (Senior Center Director), Brian Quigley (Secretary)
Absent/Excused: Wil Sullivan

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Minutes for November 16, 2019 were approved as written.

Schedule: The Board decided to skip the December session and meet next on January 8 vice 15, 2020.

Director's Report:

(A) Takeaways from the Director's November 19 meeting with fellow colleagues from Massachusetts included funding matters. The state currently allocates \$12 per capita for those over aged 60. The FY 22 budget will require an increase from \$17 to \$23 million to cover this cost. Earmarks for COAs have doubled in the past four years. There is currently a bill (H 662) in process to clarify how COAs apply for this additional funding (\$2 million).

(B) Renaming the Senior Center to Adult Community Center to include those estimated 26 and up turns out to be a fairly simple matter. There are no legal obstacles or by-law changes required, since it concerns a building (the Senior Center) not the Council on Aging itself. The Advisory Board will discuss the matter and send a letter (drafted by the Secretary) to the Select Board requesting to be included on its agenda for its approval.

New Business. Possibly offering an educational program on medical marijuana for seniors. One issue: would it conflict with federal financing? Director to check with Outer Cape Health and Cannabis Control Commission.

Fraud prevention session was very popular and will be rescheduled.

January 30, 2020 from 11:15-12:15 "Denya and Julie" will perform Celtic music and sea shanties.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00

Respectfully submitted by Brian Quigley, Secretary

