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**GROVELAND COUNCIL ON AGING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES 6/17/20**

ATTENDING: Kathryn Alesse, Dot DiChiara, Ron Mertens, Laurel Puchalski, Frank Sadowski, Lynne Stanton

CALL TO ORDER: Motion made by L. Puchalski, seconded by K. Alesse at 9:34 a.m.
MINUTES:

- Motion made by F. Sadowski to approve Minutes of 2/20/20 meeting, seconded by K. Alesse. Voted by majority vote. L. Puchalski And F. Sadowski abstained as they were absent from meeting.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Motion to accept report by L. Puchalski, seconded by K. Alesse. Unanimously accepted.
- Budget is on track. The balance from line items Outreach and Van expense funding will be returned to Town.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- There has been a huge response from the public making donations to COA during the COVID pandemic toward gift cards to Market Basket and pantry items. Masks from Merrimack Valley Hope Mission were donated. COA has picked up and delivered groceries from Our Neighbors Table and Meals on Wheels.
- All staff will return to work July 6. COA office is too small for social distancing with three staff. Scheduling will need to be flexible, once new Outreach position is filled (awaiting appointment from BOS). Discussion followed and it was agreed that Nisha could continue to work from home until further notice and restrictions have been lifted.
- Van is up and running, taking only three people per trip, to provide adequate social distancing. NEET will continue to be closed until at least the end of July and discussions have been held regarding the ways to safely transport people.
- There is concern about elders experiencing depression and feelings of isolation. Phone calls have been made to keep in touch by Lynne and Nisha.

OTHER:

- Board thanked R. Mertens for his service on the Board. Discussion followed as to possible replacements for his 2 year position.
- Slate of officers will be voted at next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2020 9:30 a.m. Town Hall Center Meeting Room

ADJOURNED: 10:45 am. Motion to adjourn by D. Dichiarra, seconded by K. Alesse

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Laurel Puchalski