

Kingston Council on Aging  
Secretary Report  
Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday February 15, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 am  
Pledge of Allegation was recited  
Thank you PACTV

Board Members present, Joe Favaloro, Chairman, Austin Sennett, Vice Chairman (Zoom) Mary Hayes, Secretary, Joan Hutchison, Wes Meiggs, Caty Starr, Maureen Ellwood (on Zoom)

Others present, Paula Rossi-Clapp, Director, Keith Hickey, Town Administrator, Gloria Mitchel, Assistant, Brad Norman, Facilities, Tina Betti, Human Resources, Elaine Fiore, President Friends, Holly Nighelli, Media and Marketing, Brenda Fitzgerald, Programs and Activities, Joanne Caratelli, Office and Transportation, Martha Shanahan, Outreach.

Joe advised the only purpose of this meeting was for the discussion of Friday Senior Center hours.

Three (3) options for reopening on Friday afternoons had been presented to the board (Copy herewith). Keith Hickey, Town Administrator, said it was to bring forward options to recommend to BOS our choice of one of the three to reopen and detailed option one.

Elaine Fiore said the Friends of the COA support the reopening on Friday afternoon. Paula understands everyone's opinion but said her data supports keeping services as they are. Austin said there was only one complaint, and it was signed by five (5) people from Kingston only according to Paula's analysis of the signatures. Maureen agreed with Austin. Paula stated the staff wants to keep hours as they are, and Martha spoke on Outreach and the impact on her personally.

Keith said we were to vote today on a recommendation. Joe tried to clarify the issue which was we have three (3) options to choose from and anyone can speak on the issues. After a discussion on option 3 it was unanimously voted to eliminate that as a viable option. After a discussion on option 1, two (2) members indicated it was premature to reopen, two (2) not to reopen and three (3) yes to reopen. Maureen and Austin wanted to keep hours as they are.

Motion was made after Austin said we must make a vote on whether to reopen and it was seconded with a 4 to 3 vote to keep the hours as they are, which is not to open on Friday afternoon. This is the recommendation that will be sent to the Board of Selectman for their consideration.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Mary L. Hayes, Secretary

