

## February 15, 2023

Attendees: Ruthann Dobek, Janet Gelbart, Susan Granoff, Yolanda Rodriguez, John Seay, Carol Seibert, Ruth Seidman, David Trevvett, Melissa Trevvett, Matt Weiss. Staff: Jessica Milley-Gee

### 1. Update on Brookline's AARP Age-Friendly application

- a. Final document attached.
  - i. AFCC voted to accept Goals and Accomplishments doc.
- b. Next steps.
  - i. Put on Select Board calendar for endorsement.
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> document is answer to some of AARP questions.
  - iii. Once in AARP Age-Friendly network will need press releases and celebrations of achievement.
  - iv. David – References to the entity applying to AARP should be the Town of Brookline and all related titles Town titles.
  - v. Matt – Logo is Town age-friendly logo (DPW/AFCC created).
  - vi. BrooklineCAN role should be emphasized as citizen energy.
  - vii. If application by Ruthann would use Co-Chair AFCC as title.
  - viii. Application should likely be by Chair of Select Board.

### 2. Discussion of BrooklineCAN Setting priorities for 2023.

- a. Discuss letter to lapsed members – finalized letter attached (Janet, Matt, Susan)
  - i. Last call for typos – ready to be sent out.
  - ii. David – Two minor corrections/changes.
  - iii. Janet – Remove Kathy Burnes from membership list sidebar.

### 3. Candidate's Forum – April 2023 for May 2<sup>nd</sup> election

- a. Carol Caro will lead the coordination
  - i. Carol agreed.
- b. Date: 4/20 (4-6pm)
  - i. Matt – Contact BIG for livestream video.
  - ii. Ann Theis replaced by Heather Hamilton at Big.
  - iii. Heather's title is Deputy Assistant Director.
- c. Shana Penna from LWV will help with publicity: [shana@ushuolong.com](mailto:shana@ushuolong.com) 857-880-9973
- d. Ballot questions discussion initiated by David.
  - i. Town Clerk will be sending out a mailing with the pros and cons of the ballot questions
  - ii. Publicity and/or at Forum refer to Town Clerk mailing.
  - iii. Ruthann – Questions, conduct, candidates all on Candidates Forum committee with Carol Caro so please participate.

- iv. Yolanda – Overrides needs context and balance but at the Forum you are likely to get supporters thus unbalanced.
- v. Susan – Up to date candidates list is on Town website and we could refer attendees to source for override information.
- vi. Volunteers – Carol Caro, Carol Seibert, Matt Weiss, John Seay.
- vii. Carol – LWV cannot participate if it appears we take sides.

#### **4. Discussion of BrooklineCAN annual meeting**

- a. Seeking chair or co-chairs.
  - i. Matt – First meeting chair-less with participants only.
  - ii. Needed Ruthann and/or representative of Senior Center.
  - iii. Volunteers – John Seay, Matt Weiss, David Trevvett, Janet Gelbart, Elenore Parker, Sonia Wong, Julie Washburn.
- b. Creating timeline and list of action items for event.
  - i. Matt – Ask Carol Caro for Frank annual meeting documents.
  - ii. All look for copies of previous program books.
  - iii. Theme ideas – Rebirth, renaissance, others.
  - iv. Awards – Whether any and who from planning committee.
  - v. Planning committee recommends to Steering Committee.

#### **5. Update on BrooklineCAN's Age-Friendly Business Program**

- a. Brookline Day – September 10, 2023. Will remain in Coolidge Corner.
- b. Brookline Booksmith (AFB) moving author events to first floor due to accessibility issues.  
<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2023/01/16/opinion/community-bookstore-where-events-are-accessible-only-some-community/>
- c. Valerie Fletcher (IHCD) planned for next program on AFC-TV.
  - i. Waiting for scheduling.

#### **6. Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> round of ARPA funding**

- a. Applications were due last week.
- b. Town Administrator made his recommendations.
- c. Committee is meeting 9/17 at 2pm.
  - i. Less money this round.
  - ii. Focus on vulnerable populations and climate change.
  - iii. CoA replace van with electric van and charging station.
  - iv. \$50k asked for transportation – CoA (1000 rides in January).
  - v. 2 more years of Farmers Market coupons by Health Dept.
- d. Concern about gap once this money is no longer available.
- e. Must be spent by 2026.
- f. Susan – Applications total \$56M and \$9M available.
- g. David – DPW not able to resubmit application for Pedestrian Lighting master plan (needed badly by older adults and others).

## 7. Treasurers report(John)

- a. Note 6-month payment for Sandy's salary.
- b. People renewing but numbers not growing.
- c. Note stationary \$300 purchased in bulk.

## 8. Committee reports

- a. Membership
  - i. Finalized renewal letter.
- b. Communications
  - i. Newsletter (Ruth) – Added monthly piece on BrooklineCAN and first article was advocacy and achievement of benches through Frank Caro's efforts. Letter suggesting other benches and thanking BrooklineCAN received. David will send suggestions of PAC for additional benches for newsletter to highlight. March BrooklineCAN article will highlight BrooklineCAN website.
  - ii. News Releases – No new releases.
  - iii. Website – No new features.
  - iv. AFC-TV – See item 5.c. Note committee encouraged Interim Police Commissioner if/when she becomes permanent.
- c. Livable Communities
  - i. Update on 2/6/2023 meeting – C
  - ii. Paul Warren is 2/6/2023 guest.
  - iii. John VanScoyoc is 3/6/2023 guest.
  - iv. Jesse Gray (Now Arden Reamer?) 4/2023 guest.
  - v. Notes from each meeting will be sent out with superb questions and answers to/by each guest.
- d. Education – New Local Film on Senior Brain Injury & Mental Health; **3/14 at 1PM** (see attached flyer)
  - i. Note survey on falls from Health Dept. should be filled out.
  - ii. CCB play may be brought to Senior Center – Stay tuned.

## 9. Old & new business

- a. Brookline Day booth on the agenda for next meeting.
  - i. Unanimous agreement to participate.
  - ii. Advertise AARP age-friendly designation.
  - iii. Report on annual meeting.
  - iv. Consider survey for bench locations needed.
- b. Attend public hearings of Advisory Board for Human Services.

## 10. Next meeting: **March 15, 2023 at 3:00pm via Zoom**

**BrooklineCAN Annual Meeting  
Notes: Planning Committee July 17, 2019**

1. Attendees: Frank Caro, Ruthann Dobek, John Seay, Elenore Parker, Katherine Burnes, David Trevvett, Matt Weiss, Henry Winkelman
2. Annual Meeting Date: 9/19/2019
3. Theme: Active Networking

**Watch Us Network  
UCAN2**

4. Program: Kathy: Illustration - Mostly Visuals/graphics (balloons) re: network and goals
  - a. Requesting list of organizations networking with BrooklineCAN.
  - b. Needs to be ready for printing 8/21/2019
5. Volunteers
  - a. Katherine and David to contact volunteers and set up meeting to prep for Annual Meeting
  - b. Laura: Thank band, pizza gift card
  - c. Matt and Elenore and David to attend meeting.
  - d. New volunteers help sell tickets
6. Meeting Format:
  - a. 6:15pm – Initiated by Matt as MC
    - i. More food
    - ii. Buy 50:50 tickets
  - b. Ruthann and Frank welcome
  - c. Presentation of service awards for committees, not for individuals
  - d. John Seay pitch for members
  - e. Keynote Speakers
    - i. Carey Goldberg – Editor of CommonHealth
    - ii. Karen Shiffman – WBUR Executive Producer of “on Point”.  
(Possible Speaker Subject: Building a stronger community through networking)
  - f. 50:50 Raffle
    - i. Ruthann has raffle tickets
    - ii. Need volunteers
    - iii. Only cash accepted
    - iv. \$1 per ticket (\$5 for 6 tickets?)
7. Tables and Vendors:
  - a. Check Method of Payment for vendors– Cash, Credit (Square)
  - b. Registration/membership – “Coffee Lounge”
  - c. BrooklineCAN Committee Tables – “Coffee Lounge”
  - d. BrooklineCAN committees – Membership, Communications, Education, Age Friendly Business

- e. Vendors) –6 tables for 3 vendors in “Bar Room” (103)
- f. Vendors – Frank Caro (Pottery), Claire Goodwin (Fabric art), Patricia Burns (Photos cards) will share proceeds (60:40 or 50:50 percent)

**BrooklineCAN Annual Meeting**  
**Notes: Planning Committee July 17, 2019**

8. Awards:

- a. Kent-Station Street Affordable Senior Housing Committee (Heather Hamilton accepted per Frank Caro)
- b. Climate Action Committee (of Select Board) – (Werner Lohe)
- c. Transportation Board (TBD: Chris Dempsey or Jonathan Kapust)

9. News Releases Information for Communications Committee

- a. Elenore will compile media list to include WBUR, Patch, Tab, and Boston Globe (Rob Weissman and others).
- b. Annual meeting features artistic talents of BrooklineCAN members
- c. Background of WBUR speakers and information, re: their talks
- d. Networking with people in many organizations

10. Schedule:

- a. 7/23/19 – Save the Date blast.
- b. Late July – first news release (announcement)
- c. Mid-August – principal news release
- d. 8/19/2019 – paper and email flyer/invitation (Communications Committee)
- e. 8/21/2019 – cutoff for program
- f. 9/12/2019 – email reminder
- g. 9/2019 – final news release
- h. 9/2019 - Newsletters
- i. 9/19/2019 – 5-6pm (Jazz Ensemble & Tables)
- j. 9/19/2019 – 6:15-7pm

11. Next Meeting: TBD (Tuesday, August 13 ( ? ) 2019 – Senior Center, 3:00 pm