

## February 17, 2021

### Attendees:

John Seay, Ruthann Dobek, Ruth Seidman, Elenore Parker, Matthew Weiss, David Trevvett, Melissa Trevvett, Yolanda Rodriguez, Susan Granoff, Katherine Burnes. Guests: Nancy Heller, Carol Caro.

### 1. **Note Taker** Matthew Weiss

### 2. **Reports on BrooklineCAN Winter Retreats**

- a. January 22&29, 2021 (presented by Kathy Burnes)
  - i. Consider moving to recommended donations from fees to encourage growth.
  - ii. Target newly retired as potential members.
  - iii. Clarify relationships with CoA, AFC and BrooklineCAN.
  - iv. Focus, focus, focus is theme going forward.
  - v. Increase diversity and identify as a "happening" organization.
- b. Discussion of relationship to Age Friendly Cities Committee – Nancy Heller
  - i. AFC meeting first week in March.
  - ii. Consensus was to coordinate Age Friendly Cities Committee and the BrooklineCAN Steering Committee.
  - iii. Nancy – Sarah Kaplan to host AFC committee Zoom.
  - iv. Recommended – All review AFC Committee Minutes, Agendas and Plans on Town website.
  - v. Consider stressing age friendly aspects of BrooklineCAN.

### 3. **Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update (David)**

- a. All – Read "Brookline's DPW and Commission on Disability Share Resources to Help Ensure Pedestrian Safety" on BrooklineCAN website home page under "Selected Topics".
- b. All – Review "Public Right-of-Way Fact Sheet poster also under "Selected Topics" on the BrooklineCAN website.

### 4. **Update on Candidates Forum in April**

- a. Carol and Ruth - Continue planning for the candidate forum and report to the next meeting.
- b. Carol Caro and Ruthann Dobek - Contact Michael Allen to be moderator of the candidate forum.

### 5. **Update on Age Friendly Business initiative**

- a. Bea Mikulecky – Review Age Friendly Business list for status of companies.

### 6. **Expanding BrooklineCAN membership (Recruitment ideas)**

- a. John, Elenore and Ruth – Review donations replacing dues.

## **7. Treasurers report (John Seay)**

- a. No issues.

## **8. Committee reports**

- a. Communications
  - i. Newsletter – Articles discussed.
  - ii. News Releases – Elenore will produce and distribute news release re Serenade Chocolate and next news release is on Aborn and Connelly Hardware stores.
  - iii. Website – John
  - iv. AFC-TV – Next show was Dr. Jett on COVID vaccines
- b. Livable Community
- c. Consider attending the LCAC meeting with Linda Pehlke presenting March 15th.
  - i. Susan Granoff - Write short article re next LCAC meeting for the newsletter.
- d. Education
  - i. Note concert program on March 7th at 3-4pm by the Education Committee.

## **9. Next Meeting**

- a. March 17, 2021 3pm

## **10. Old & new business**

- a. Consider qualifying for AARP age friendly movement.
- b. Melissa Trevvett – Send link to article in the Globe on longevity for discussion at the next Steering Committee meeting.
- c. Ruth – Follow up re next meeting of the focus group for Building a Better Brookline and report to the Steering Committee.
- d. Consider issues/domains for BrooklineCAN coverage.
- e. Matt – Send members list of potential BrooklineCAN domains.
- f. Ruthann and Elenore – Add domain discussion to next agenda.
- g. Town Meeting is 5/19, 20, 25 and 5/27 if needed with warrant closing March 4<sup>th</sup>.