

COUNCIL ON AGING— FEBRUARY 22 AND 23, 2021

On February 23, 2021, the Council on Aging hosted a Candidate's Night presenting each of the candidates running in the March 16 Special Election. Candidate's Night was held in the form of a Q&A with each of the candidates (Bryan Barash, Tarik Lewis and David Micley for Ward 2, John Oliver and Madeline Ranalli for Ward 1). The event was hosted by David Cash, Dean of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston, and facilitated by Donna Murphy, Jayne Colino, Beth Dugan and Joan Belle Isle. Over 70 members of the community attended.

A special meeting of the Council on Aging was held on Monday, February 22 to discuss and review the NewCAL Working Group's recommendation for NewCAL.

Present: Dov Bard, Joan Belle Isle, Sandra Davidow, Beth Dugan, Mary Glendon, Adele Hoffman, Jo Edith Heffron, Naomi Krasner, Ena Lorant, Norm Meltz, Maria Meyer, Donna Murphy, Julie Norstrand, John Pelletier, Joyce Picard, Sue Rasala, Nancy Scammon, Sue Schlesinger, Allison Sharma, Dan Shaw, Laura Shaw, Sue Schlesinger, Gordon Szerlip

Absent: Tyrone Hooks, Eric Rosenbaum, Lisa Samelson, Tom Shoemaker

Guests: Jim Bruneau (BH+A), J Cohen, Dan Chen, Jini Fairley, Melissa Gagnon, Bea Goldsmith, Josh Morse, Richard Rasala, Alex Valcarce,

Meeting was held by Zoom Videoconference and was called to order at 6:45 PM.

NewCAL

After a brief review of the NewCAL project summarizing what had been presented in the January COA meeting, members of the COA discussed the pros and cons of both a new building and a renovation of the existing building. After a discussion hitting on points including where Senior Center activities would be housed during construction, the Council members took a vote. The Council voted unanimously in favor of building a new building.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.