



Minutes of Town of West Newbury

Council on Aging Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 9:00 am

The Council on Aging met in person in the SAGE Center / Senior Center on September 12, 2023. Vice Chair, Richard Preble, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Present: Richard Preble, Joseph Publicover, Vicky Beaumier, Jessa Haynes, Bob Veator, Julie Ruscio, Dianne Faulkner, Marjorie Peterson and Barbara Warne

Staff: Christine Marshall, Director

Guest: Donna Publicover

Absent: Gail DiNaro

Secretary's Report: Dianne Faulkner moved to accept the minutes of June 13, 2023. Vicky Beaumier seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Financial Report and Expenses were reviewed, and we are on track. There are some one time expenses paid in August for the MCOA membership and My Senior Center software maintenance. Dianne Faulkner moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jessa Hayes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Director's Report: Christine noted that the trip to the North Shore Music Theatre was a huge success. Jessa Haynes moved to accept the Director's Report. Dianne Faulkner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

a) Request from Select Board to complete Questionnaire

The Council reviewed the Questionnaire and responded with recent achievements and priorities of the Council. The Council would like to list all of the new programs now being offered. Christine will complete and submit the Questionnaire to the Select Board.

b) Proposed Articles at Special Town Meeting requesting Revolving Account

Christine explained the Articles for the Special Town Meeting to request a revolving account be established with a limit of \$30,000. Christine also explained that the last trip to the North Shore Music Theatre was approximately \$2,300 and if we were to offer one trip per month it would be just under \$30,000. She also feels that the size of our trips could increase to about 30-35 people.

Jessa Haynes moved to approve the proposed articles for the revolving account be brought to the Special Town Meeting. Marge Peterson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:**a) Update on Day Trips**

There was discussion about the next trip around the holidays, and it was suggested to look at the North Shore Music Theatre for the Christmas Carol and Blue Ocean Music Hall for the Festival of Trees.

b) Update on Pickleball

Christine reported that Pickleball has been approved by the Park and Rec Commission to continue until the end of September. We started the program with 4 participants and it has grown to 14 currently participating, including two neighbors on Bachelor Street. The Park and Rec Commission is looking at space for permanent Pickleball courts. The Annex is one of the options.

Annual Election of Officers:

- Motion was made by Marjorie Peterson to appoint Dianne Faulkner as Chair; seconded by Jessa Haynes; motion passed unanimously.
- Motion as made by Marjorie Peterson to re-appoint Richard Preble as Vice-Chair; seconded by Dianne Faulkner; motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Julie Ruscio to appoint Jessa Haynes as Treasurer; seconded by Dianne Faulkner; motion passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Vicky Beaumier to appoint Julie Ruscio as Secretary; seconded by Bob Veator; motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Marge Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Dianne Faulkner seconded the motion. Voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Marshall, Director

Meeting Documents:

Draft minutes of COA meeting on June 13, 2023

COA Financial Report - August, 2023

Directors Report - August, 2023

Questionnaire from Select Board

Proposed Articles for Special Town Meeting requesting Revolving Account

Copy of memo to the Park and Recreation Commission with an update on the Pickleball trial for seniors