



Minutes of Town of West Newbury

Council on Aging Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 10:00 am

The Council on Aging met in person in the SAGE Center/Senior Center on January 23, 2024. Chair, Dianne Faulkner, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Heather Conner, Gail DiNaro, Dianne Faulkner, Jessa Haynes, Marjorie Peterson, Richard Preble, Joe Publicover, Julie Ruscio, Bob Veator, Barbara Warne

Staff: Christine Marshall, Director & Jen Vincent, Nutrition Coordinator

Absent: Vicky Beaumier

Secretary's Report: Dianne Faulkner called for the Secretary's Report. Richard Preble moved to accept the minutes of December 12, 2023. Bob Veator seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Financial Report and Expenses were reviewed for December 2023. Christine remarked we are doing extremely well and on budget. Heather had a question regarding the Formula Grant funding. Christine reviewed the purpose of this grant and explained that it is funding from the state based on how many seniors over 60 live in town. Jessica Haynes moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Heather Conner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Director's Report: Christine reviewed and made note of various line items on the report. Meals on Wheels increased for December 2023 in West Newbury. We are looking for new volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels both in West Newbury and Groveland. Correction to TRIPS – there was a trip in December to the North Shore Music Theatre and 14 people attended. Greeting Card Workshop has continued increased participation. There will be a February date upcoming for Valentine's Day cards. Heather is now working for NEET. Foot care had a big increase for December. Heather Conner moved to accept the Director's Report. Bob Veator seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. The Council on Aging Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023 was prepared by Christine. Heather Conner and Marjorie Peterson commented on a job well done with all of the improvements at the SAGE Center! Gail moved to accept the Annual Report. Heather seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

- a. Pickleball Feasibility Study is being done by the Community Preservation Committee for review of possible new outdoor Pickleball courts on town owned parcels.
- b. Newburyport Brewing Company has indoor Pickleball courts. Mid-week rate is \$40.00 per hour for court rental. Christine has inquired about a discount and schedule, and is waiting to hear back from them.
- c. North Shore Music Theatre 2024 schedule is now available. There are lots of great shows upcoming beginning in May through the end of December.

- d. Upcoming events that Christine is working on are: estate planning, senior circuit breaker credit, library technology help. There was discussion of other areas of interest being home security systems and cable television versus streaming costs.
- e. Christine remarked that she went to Tuscan Village for a Christmas wreath making class, and inquired with the instructor about a class for the senior center.
- f. Meet and Greet Breakfast with the new Veterans' Agent is Friday, January 26, open to all Veterans with Veterans Agent, Steve Bohn.
- g. Valentine's Day Luncheon on February 14.
- h. Christine preparing the annual EOE (Executive Office of Elder Affairs) report. This report is sent to the State of Massachusetts each year and includes data from My Senior Center with regards to programs, participation, budget, staffing, etc.

Adjourn:

Heather moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Jessa Haynes seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Ruscio, Secretary

Meeting Documents:

- 1. Draft minutes of COA meeting December 12, 2023
- 2. COA Financial Report, December 2023
- 3. Directors Report, December 2023
- 4. Pickleball Site Feasibility Study, application for project eligibility
- 5. Annual Report Council on Aging, Fiscal Year 2023