



Minutes of Town of West Newbury

Council on Aging Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:00 am

The Council on Aging met in person in the First Floor Hearing Room on March 21, 2023.

Chair: Jacqueline Johnston called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Present: Jacqueline Johnston, Gail DiNaro, Dianne Faulkner, Barbara Warne, Vicki Beaumier, Marjorie Peterson

Absent: Richard Preble, Joseph Publicover, Dorothy Cavanaugh, Jessa Haynes

Staff: Christine Marshall
Jen Vincent

Secretary's Report: Gail DiNaro moved to accept the minutes of February 14, 2023. Vicki Beaumier seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Financial Report and Expenses were reviewed. Christine noted the budget is on track. The formula grant balances were updated and another page has been added to reflect expenses of the Food Pantry. The formula grant will carry over to the next Fiscal Year with increased funding. The granting agency does not require receipts on funds expended. Dianne Faulkner moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Barbara Warne seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Director's Report: The Director's Report was reviewed.

- Chris Howe has resumed Friday morning yoga class.
- Guided Reiki/Meditation series has five individuals currently signed up.
- Some of the programs offered are struggling with participation right now. Illnesses are part of the reduced numbers.
- Laurie Spielvogel has resigned from the Council. Bob Veator had previously expressed interest, and his application is on file with the Town Clerk.
- There has been no response from the Parks and Recreation Commission or Select Board regarding a request to have pickleball courts constructed. A brief discussion ensued regarding possible placement of courts.

Gail DiNaro moved to accept the Director's Report. Barbara Warne seconded motion. Approved unanimously.

Working Group Update

Gail DiNaro, Dianne Faulkner and Marge Peterson, representing the subcommittee working on possible outings, reported their suggested outings as follows:

- June 14 "Clue" at the Stoneham Theater
- August 16 "Escape to Margaritaville" at the North Shore Music Theater
- Sept 20 Dover Cruise Tour of Great Bay (Portsmouth Harbor Boat Tour and Isle of Shoals cruise were also considered.)

The Council discussed whether these events should be limited to West Newbury residents and it was suggested that an additional fee could be charged to non-residents, although a decision was not made at this meeting. The working group will investigate transportation possibilities and costs. Vicky Beaumier volunteered to help the working group. More information on the June outing is needed shortly to be included in the May/June Newsletter. Christine will put out "Coming Soon" notices on posters and social media.

New Business

It was suggested that Christine pursue art classes. These classes were well attended in the past.

Gail DiNaro made a motion to adjourn. Dianne Fauliner seconded. Voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Peterson, Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Draft minutes of COA Meeting on February 14, 2023

COA Financial Report as of February 28, 2023

COA Director's Report for February 2023

Correspondence to/from resident and Parks and Rec Commission regarding Pickleball courts