



Minutes of Town of West Newbury

Council on Aging Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:00 am

The Council on Aging met in person in the First Floor Hearing Room on April 11, 2023.

Chair: Jacqueline Johnston called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Present: Jacqueline Johnston, Gail DiNaro, Dianne Faulkner, Vicki Beaumier, Richard Preble, Marjorie Peterson

Absent: Joseph Publicover, Dorothy Cavanaugh, Jessa Haynes, Barbara Warne

Staff: Christine Marshall
Jen Vincent

Visitor: Richard Cushing

Secretary's Report: Dianne Faulkner moved to accept the minutes of March 21, 2023. Richard Preble seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Financial Report and Expenses were reviewed. Document attached. Christine noted the budget is on track.

- 17 Easter Baskets were delivered to folks in the Senior Housing, food pantry patrons and other seniors. Donations were received from the Food Mart, Daley Drive residents, and others.
- The van disposal is on hold for time being. The DPW Director/Procurement Officer is leaving and it will be on the agenda for the next appointee.
- Christine Howe's Friday yoga classes has been moved to 9am beginning in May. There were six participants in March. She continues at the same pay. Christine reached out to the yoga instructor that the Library had sponsored but did not receive a call-back.
- The Wednesday 3:30 3B Class had 7 participants at their first session. Because of initially low turnout, Brian Coyne will be paid \$40 per session until attendance picks up.

Gail DiNaro moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dianne Faulkner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

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

- As weather warms, cornhole will be held weekly and moved outside.
- Monday cribbage has 4 in attendance. Some have expressed interest in playing other games.
- Games and Puzzles with Pentucket will break for summer at the end of May.

Dianne Faulkner moved to accept the Director's Report. Richard Preble seconded motion. Approved unanimously.

Working Group Update

The proposed outings have had a good response. There will be no extra charge for out-of-town participants. Marge Peterson will call the Stoneham Theater to determine when reservations must be made and the deposit given. Christine will contact them regarding our tax exempt status.

New Business

Dick Cushing addressed the Council with his concern about the lack of signage at the Main Street crosswalks across from the 1910 Building. A resident at the Senior Housing complex was struck by a car while in the crosswalk and was seriously injured. The issue was brought to the Select Board and the Town Manager has been apprised. He will contact Senator Bruce Tarr. Representative Ramos will be contacted by Dick. These crosswalks are used by children walking to ballfields and Action Cove, those walking to the Bandstand and the Town Offices as well as Seniors living in the housing adjacent to the 1910 Building. A discussion ensued regarding the need for repainting the crosswalks, temporary and permanent signage and pedestrian activated flashing lights. As Main Street (Route 113) is a state road, all signage requires Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation approval.

Marge Peterson moved that the Council on Aging supports signage, pedestrian activated flashing lights and the repainting of crosswalks at 379 and 381 Main Street and, in the interim, placement of temporary crosswalk signage at 379 Main Street. Said vote to be directed to the Town Manager and Select Board. Vicky Beaumier seconded. Voted unanimously.

Marge Peterson moved that the Council on Aging supports the consideration of other significant crosswalks for upgrade. Said vote to be directed to the Town Manager and Selectboard. Vicki Beaumier seconded. Voted unanimously.

Marge Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Vicky Beaumier seconded. Voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:54 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Peterson, Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Draft minutes of COA Meeting on March 21, 2023

COA Financial Report - March 2023

COA Director's Report – March 2023

Day Trips flyer