



Minutes of Town of West Newbury

Council on Aging Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9:00 am

The Council on Aging met in person in the First Floor Hearing Room on June 13, 2023. Vice Chair, Richard Preble, called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

Present: Gail DiNaro, Richard Preble, Joseph Publicover, Vicky Beaumier, and Marjorie Peterson

Staff: Christine Marshall, Director

Town Manager: Angus Jennings (joined later in meeting)

Guest: Robert Veator

Absent: Dianne Faulkner, Barbara Warne, Jacqueline Johnston, Jessa Haynes

Secretary's Report: Gail DiNaro moved to accept the minutes of May 9, 2023. Vicky Beaumier seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Financial Report and Expenses were reviewed. Document attached. Christine noted that she purchased more chairs for the Center with Formula Grant funds, in an effort to use these funds prior to June 30. We are on budget. Vicky Beaumier moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Gail DiNaro seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Director's Report: (Attached)

Christine noted that the Lunch and Learn with the Library Director was very successful with a nice turnout. There are 15 folks going to Stoneham Theater.

However, she is disappointed that attendance at some of the programs is down. There has been no participation in cornhole, the outdoor walking group, age-friendly discussion group, craft corner, games & puzzles with Pentucket students. It was suggested that the cornhole games be set up at Summer Concerts. Vicky and Marge volunteered to put games in place for use prior to concert and to put back after.

There will not be an ice cream stand at concerts this year as organizers did not want a donation jar last year, and the expense of the ice cream social was significant. Those expenses included renting a freezer, purchasing ice cream and toppings, and salary expense for Jen.

As low participation may be due in part because of nicer weather, Christine stated she would step back a bit during summer months. It was suggested that educational programs might appeal to West Newbury seniors. Marge and Gail will investigate possibilities.

New Business:

The Council agreed to not meeting in July and August.

Bob Veator was welcomed to the meeting as a guest. He has been appointed by the Select Board for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2023.

Old Business:

Establishing a Revolving Account for the COA will be addressed at the Fall Special Town Meeting.

Angus Jennings joined the meeting to update the Board on pickleball court status. Park and Rec had, at one point, hoped to have a conceptual plan drawn for all of the land under their jurisdiction, which includes Cammet Park, the basketball courts and Action Cove. The three-member Commissioners have now suggested that a meeting of all interested parties be held to determine how best to address the need for temporary and/or construction of permanent courts. The use of the basketball court or area behind the Page School have been discussed. The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 at 5:30 pm. Angus agreed that the COA should be represented. Marge stated she could attend.

The question of shades for the Annex was raised. Angus suggested that he, Christine, and Brian Richard meet with a window vendor to obtain recommendations and costs. Vicky wondered if tinted windows would solve the problem.

Adjourn

Gail DiNaro made a motion to adjourn. Joe Publicover seconded the motion. Voted unanimously to adjourn at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Peterson, Secretary

Meeting Documents:

Draft minutes of COA meeting on May 9, 2023

COA Financial Report - May, 2023

Food Pantry Expense Report for May, 2023

Directors Report - May, 2023

SAGE Center News for July/August