



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022

Present: Martha Reed, Jack Oliveira, Robert Ryan, Susan Oiestad, Lee Allaire, Carol Burt, Joan Mello

- 1.) The meeting was legally posted on November 8, 2022
- 2.) The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:06 am.
- 3.) Jack Oliveira motioned to accept the October 11, 2022 minutes, seconded by Carol Burt.

Financial Report:

COA Budget total: \$199,944.00

October Expenditures: \$18,470.44

Martha Reed: Town warrant has brought up the Town's gasoline budget and will self-correct once the funds are reallocated. Under Building Repair and Maintenance, this topic is on the warrant as well to have funds increased. All COA hard floors were recently stripped and waxed.

Old Business:

1. **Veteran's Luncheon November 9, 2022:** There were 75 people who attended the Vets Luncheon. Judy and Barry DeRossi were the entertainers, Vitra Health sponsored them. Coastline prepared all the meals, Alltrust Bank sponsored the meals. All Selectboard members were present.
2. **UMass Medical SNAP Outreach Program:** Fairhaven COA has been approved and will start reimbursement in January. This program will reimburse Martha's time spent and will help process the applications quicker. This will also help allocate funds for the COA.
3. **Thanksgiving Dinner:** Matt Medeiros from long built homes will provide meals this year. The housing authority will do their own meals.
4. **Social Day re-opening process:** Martha met with Cam Durant from Human Resources in Town Hall. They both went over the positions and they will be posted this week. There are hopes to start the interview process after Thanksgiving. There are currently 26 people on a waiting list. Hoping to obtain two aids from Coastline as well as two students from VOC Tech of New Bedford. Main positions will be an Activity Director and a Program Coordinator. There are plans to call back previous volunteers who were at the program before. Our memory café is having a great response and many are thinking of trying social day to give respite to caregivers.

New Business:

1. **Roof Replacement Update:** The roof replacement was approved at the last town meeting. Keith Silvia will be helping us locate a person who can do the job under \$50,000. There should be feasibility sometime during the coming week. The funds are under the Recreation Center Budget at the moment. This will be the first time the roof was done since being built.
2. **Holiday Programs:** December 16th from 1-3 pm will be a holiday party. No bingo. Surprise guest, entertainment, and light refreshment will be available.

Director's Report

1. Senior Center/Program Utilization:
621 unique individuals attended events at the Senior Center during October, equating to 1,563 "swipes" for attended events last month. All SHINE appointments for October were booked for the Medicare Open Enrollment period and all appointments are already full until December 15, 2022. Both counselors are extending their volunteer hours to accommodate the community.
2. Transportation Utilization: 265 Rides were provided to 94 seniors in October.
3. Community Needs: The most significant community needs remain housing and food security.
4. In-person events: Both Senior Supper Clubs were well attended in October. The LGBTQ Senior Supper Club was attended by 18 persons and 44 persons attended the Single Senior Supper Club last month.
5. Memory Café: 22 people attended the first Memory Café on October 27, 2022. The feedback received from both program participants and their caregivers was extremely positive. The November Memory Café takes place this Thursday (11/17) at Noon.
6. Social Day: The process of re-opening Social Day continues. New job descriptions were developed and just approved by HR. I anticipate the postings will be up before Thanksgiving and hope to begin interviewing the first week of December.
7. Fall and Winter Activities update: All Trust Bank, Coastline, and Vitra Health sponsored the Veteran's Day Dinner on 11/9/2022, which served 75 persons. Matt Medeiros from Long Built Homes and his church group are providing Thanksgiving Dinner for our seniors. Dinner will be served from 11-1. The COA will host a Holiday Party on Friday, December 16th from 1 to 3.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

The next board meeting will take place on Monday December 12, 2022

Motion to adjourn made by Jack Oliveria second by Bob Ryan.

The meeting was adjourned 9:48 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Bowers

Principal Office Assistant - Fairhaven COA