



Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022

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

- 1.) The meeting was legally posted on December 6, 2022
- 2.) The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:11 am.
- 3.) Approval of the Minutes from 11.14.22 meeting will be moved to the January 9, 2023 Meeting.

Financial Report:

COA Budget total: \$199,944.00

February Expenditures: \$7,336.55

Old Business:

1. **UMASS Medical Snap Outreach Program:** Fairhaven has been approved and will begin in January 2023. The contract will arrive soon. Town Administrator will finalize the contract on behalf of the COA
2. **Thanksgiving Dinner Debrief:** Approximately 45 were in attendance with 6 deliveries. All went well.
3. **Holiday Programs:** Friday December 16th is the Christmas Party and currently have 85 signed up. December 13th is the Single Supper Club; the time was changed to 2-4pm due to it becoming darker earlier. The time will return to normal after daylight savings. Between Christmas and New Year's will the LGBTQ Club Holiday party.
4. **Roof Replacement Update:** There is no current progress; Keith Silvia from the Select Board is assisting in helping finding a contractor

New Business:

1. **Social Day Reopening progress:** Jobs were posted and the posting closes December 16th. There are hopes to open in January.
2. **FY24 Budget:** FY24 budget process is in full swing and it is due December 16th. The COA is not asking for large increases, just level funding.
3. **FY23 MCOA Direct Grant Application:** The COA was allowed to apply for up to \$8,000 in funds for Social Day. The COA was awarded the full amount of \$8,000. This will help with those who want to try Social Day and not have to pay. Currently Social Day is \$40 for a full day and \$20 for a half day. After the first quarter, the Social Day Staff and COA Director will re-evaluate the fees.

Director's Report

1. Senior Center/Program Utilization:

619 unduplicated persons attended events at the Senior Center during November for a total of 1,326 "swipes" for events last month. All SHINE appointments for November were utilized 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. In November over 100 clients were seen by SHINE counselors.

2. Transportation Utilization: 240 Rides were provided to 96 seniors in November.

3. Community Needs: The most significant community needs remain housing and food security. 3 persons were assisted with housing applications and information and 12 seniors were helped with SNAP and the Food Bank Program.

4. In-person events: The LGBTQ Movie night was attended by 17 persons and 34 persons attended the Single Senior Supper Club last month. Feedback received from those attending the Senior Supper Club stated that many people did not attend because they do not drive after dark. The decision was made to move the time of the Supper Clubs to 2 to 4 PM from November through March to allow more seniors the opportunity to attend.

5. Memory Café: 20 people attended the Memory Café on November 17th. The feedback received from both program participants and their caregivers was extremely positive. The December Memory Café takes place on Thursday (12/22) at Noon.

6. Social Day: The process of re-opening Social Day continues. The Social Day Coordinator and Activities Coordinator jobs were posted on 12/2/2022. The application deadline is 12/16 and interviews will begin the week of 12/19. We are aiming for an opening day on January 17, 2023.

7. Fall and Winter Activities update: Matt Medeiros from Long Built Homes and his church group provided Thanksgiving Dinner here and we had over 40 people in attendance and delivered 6 meals. The COA Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2022, from 1PM to 3PM. There are 85 people already registered and we are now collecting names for a cancellation list.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

The next board meeting will take place on Monday January 9, 2023

The meeting was adjourned 9:25AM

No motion to adjourn. No quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Bowers

Principal Office Assistant - Fairhaven COA