



## Town of Fairhaven Council on Aging

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### Fairhaven Council on Aging • Board Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023

**Present:** Martha Reed, Susan Oiestad, Carol Burt, Robert Ryan, Terry Perreira

**Absent:** Joan Mello & Lee Allaire

- 1.) The meeting was legally posted on April 5, 2023
- 2.) The meeting was called to order by Martha Reed at 9:40am
  - a. Welcome new board member Theresa Pereira
- 3.) Meeting Minutes:
  - a. Susan Oiestad made the motion to approve of the minutes from the February 13, 2023, Carol Burt Seconded.
  - b. Robert Ryan made the motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2023, Carol Burt Seconded.

#### **Financial Report:**

COA Budget total: \$199,944.00

March Expenditures: \$25,053.65

Martha Reed reported  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the year and the budget is running where we need to be. Gasoline we are a little under, left over will be returned to the town.

#### **Old Business:**

- a. **Open Board Member Positions-1:** We currently have 1 open position and we do have 1 person interested and will let us know soon.
- b. **MA Conflict of Interest Training Update(Handout):** Board members are asked to do the online training. Thank you to those who have completed the training.
- c. **April Food Day:** Martha went to Town Hall and it was well attended with a great turnout. 3 truckloads of food went to the shepherds pantry and school resource. COA was present to assist with any SNAP Outreach.

#### **New Business:**

- a. **Easter Dinner:** Approximately 35 were in attendance with 17 deliveries. Thank you to the Fire Fighters Association for their assistance as well as Mac's Soda Bar for the meals.
- b. **Memorial Day Parade:** The COA will be participating in this years parade and we will have the van in the parade.
- c. **Summer Activates:** Hoping to bring back summer concerts.

## **Director's Report**

### **1. Senior Center/Program Utilization:**

527 unduplicated persons attended events at the Senior Center in March for a total of 2,268 "swipes" for events last month, which equates to approximately 78 persons utilizing the center each day. Over 175 persons have participated in the AARP Tax Prep Services, which will end on April 18, 2023. SHINE Counselors are working with clients on Mass Health recertifications and Medicare enrollments.

### **2. Transportation Utilization:** 283 Rides were provided to 70 seniors in March.

### **3. Volunteers:** 14 Persons volunteered over 576 hours at the Senior Center in March. The dollar value of these volunteer hours is over \$17,000.

### **4. Community Needs:** 14 Seniors were assisted with SNAP recertifications and new applications. Outreach is continuing to ensure that households are receiving the maximum SNAP allotment they are entitled to receive. 3 Seniors were assisted in completing housing applications. The last 10 PACE Fuel Assistance applications in the queue were submitted in March. The Fuel Assistance program continues until the end of April. Two new Elder-At-Risk reports were filed with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

### **5. In-person events:** Both Senior Supper Clubs held in March were well attended. The time of the Single Senior Supper Club returns to 4 PM to 6 PM with the return of daylight saving time. The COA hosted a Women's Social sponsored by the Belonging Committee on 3/30/23. The COA is participating in two events with the Belonging Committee in April, April Food Day, and an Intergenerational art program on 4/17/23.

### **6. Social Day:** Please see attached report from Sally Bourke.

### **7. Board Recruitment:** We welcome Theresa Perreira as a new Board member this month, she is filling one of the two vacancies. We look forward to the enthusiasm and energy she will bring to the board. We are hopeful that the last remaining vacancy will be filled within the next few months.

## **Next Board of Directors Meeting**

The next board meeting will take place on Monday May 8, 2023 at 9:00am

Carol Burt made the motion to adjourn at 9:55am, Robert Ryan Seconded. Vote passes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jocelyn Bowers

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