



APPROVED 11/27/2023

Town of Newbury Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
Date: Oct 16, 2023

Members in attendance: Damon Jespersen, Joyce Machiros, John Ferrara, Chris Howe, Gerry DiMaio, Jeanine Cunningham, Josephine Antico

Other attendees: Cindy Currier

Motion to open the meeting made by John Ferrara, seconded by Joyce Machiros.
Unanimous approval.

Audience: Bill DiMaio (Select Board Member). No comments.

Motion to approve Minutes of Sep 18, 2023 meeting made by Joyce Machiros, seconded by Gerry DiMaio. Unanimous approval.

Discussion:

Welcome our newest member, Josephine Antico. After a brief introduction, Josephine suggested that she would like to see an offered COA session on hearing aids. Damon reminded and encouraged board members to attend the events sponsored by the COA and went around to all the members asking them to share what events they've each attended.

Damon drafted and shared with the members the proposed structure for the Adhoc committee for site selection.

Motion to approve the proposed structure for the ACS as outlined by Damon made by Joyce Machiros. Seconded by Chris Howe. Unanimously approved.

Population of the committee will be placed on next month's agenda.

Review of COA Informational Flyer: Cindy provided an update on the "Did you Know" flyer. Final copy. QR codes will be added in lieu of the long URLs for the website.

Motion to approve made Joyce Machiros. Seconded by John Ferrara

Chairperson's Report

Damon had a discussion with members of the select board to inform them of the ACS committee. Additionally, continues to work with Cindy on necessary signatures for various paperwork.

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Director's Report:

- Upcoming programs:
 - Flu Clinic Tuesday 10/17 2-4pm; 2 high dose left; several regular dose left
 - Game Night Tuesday, 10/31 4:30pm – Halloween! Wear a costume and be entered to win a prize!
 - Traveling Chef (grilled cheese and tomato soup) Thursday, 11/2 12pm
 - Craft Fair Thursday, 11/2 11am-2pm
 - Veterans Lunch @ PITA Hall Thursday, 11/9 @ 12pm
 - Thanksgiving Luncheon @ PITA Hall Wednesday, 11/15 @ 12:30pm (doors open at 12pm)
 - Watercolor Class DATE CHANGED to Tuesday, 11/21 @ 10am
 - Game Night Wednesday, 11/28 @ 4:30pm
- Recreation Committee has approved two ping pong tables for the Field House at the Central Street complex; COA will be putting together a program after the first of the year (in lieu of pickleball). Another great collaboration with the Rec Committee!
- Next newsletter is December/January. Kathy is working on the programs/scheduling now. Will be sent to the printer the middle of November.
- Office closed: Thursday, 11/23 (Thanksgiving).
- Always in need of NEET volunteers.
- We have hired a new Outreach Coordinator. Jannine Vaciliou started about two weeks ago and she's awesome! She is getting to know a lot of our seniors already. She is here as a resource to our seniors and their loved ones. Please feel free to reach out and ask to speak with her. Encourage the COA Members to introduce themselves to her.
- IT is working to get our phone line direct to us again. Hopefully this will happen soon.
- The new van is here; registered and inspected; will be headed to get wrapped hopefully this week and then we will be on the road!

New Business:

John Ferrara is still working with a contact at the Governor's Academy regarding pickleball space. Also continuing conversations with Newburyport Tennis Club. Cindy provided an update that she had a discussion with the Town Administrator and any regularly scheduled program that the COA sponsors have to be conducted within the town of Newbury. (one-offs OK)

Motion to establish Nov 27, 2023 as the next meeting made by Joyce Machiros, seconded by John Ferrara. Unanimous approval.

Motion to adjourn made by Joyce Machiros, seconded by Gerry DiMaio. Unanimous approval.