

Amesbury COA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2024

In Attendance: Arthur Levine, Chair; Maggie Miller, Vice-Chair; Lawrence Leahy, Treasurer; Sue Ballard, Secretary; Kliggie Thomas; Nicholas Costello; Tom Maclachlan; James Chapman; Doreen Arnfield, Director

Guest: Donna Collins, FCOA

Meeting was called to order at approx. 3:30

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the May 16, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Kliggie, seconded by Sue; unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Larry reported expenditures from the Misc. Grants account of \$180 for Q2 & Q3 cell phone reimbursement, \$550 for NEET annual fee, and \$34.35 for mileage reimbursement, with an ending balance of \$13,431.57. The Revolving account had a disbursement of \$295.53 for gas for the van, with an ending balance of \$19,615.92.

FCOA Update: Donna Collins

- 30th Anniversary of the FCOA is this year. A small celebration will be held at the center July 8th or 15th.
- Live Well Amesbury fund raising is over \$20,000 so far.
- Outdoor picnic tables are being purchased for the patio.

Director's Report, presented by Doreen:

Age Friendly Task Force

- Reception held May 8; AARP presented mayor with certificate for Age Friendly Community.
- Merrimac Valley (MMV) Planning Commission walked the downtown area on June 12th to evaluate handicapped accessibility of sidewalks. Board to send letter supporting the commission.
- Meetings will continue in the fall.

Budget

- Salary survey to be done. Mayor is offering a 4-day work week during the summer, which doesn't work at the Senior Center.

COA Team Updates

- Outreach Coordinator position posted last week.
- New Van Driver, David Jellison, has been hired and starts May 20th.
- EMHOT Social Worker position challenge resolved. Current clinician has agreed to work 30 hrs/week starting July 1st.

Costello Center

- Waiting on 2 quotes for railings.

Grants

- Executive Office of Elder Affairs will be changing the name of Elder Mental Health Outreach Team (EMHOT) effective July 1st. The new name is "Behavioral Health Outreach for Aging Populations" or BHOAP, pronounced "Be Hope".
- Reception position created through the NSRAW grant was accepted by Marilyn Klypka-Simpson, who has since passed away. Will be interviewing for position to start July 1st.

Summer Programming

- Older Americans Breakfast with Chiefs was a success. Emily Zarraga, 102 was presented the Boston Post Cane.
- Next Breakfast June 28th.
- Senior cookout June 27th at Cider Hill.
- New Acrylic painting class started Tuesday June 4th.
- ONT Market moving temporarily to Salisbury while Amesbury location is renovated, starting June 7th.

Stats Committee: Arthur, Maggie and Doreen have begun to meet bi-weekly to get a better understanding of how to use the software My Senior Center as a tool to measure our effectiveness as an organization. The program has been used for about 12 years, but not effectively. A demo of the program was given. Doreen will reach out to other centers that currently use the software.

Statistics: Maggie presented a report for FY24 (not including June) in a new format. Stats will be reported quarterly going forward.

Next meeting: August 8th at 3 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ballard