



EASTHAM COUNCIL ON AGING COA Board Meeting 3/23/2023

COA Board Chair Joan Lockhart called the meeting to order at 9:30 am

COA Board Members Present: Carol DiBona, Beverly Hobbs, Joan Lockhart, Richard Trimble, Pat Turiello, Pat Unish

FECO Board Members Present: George Abbott, Joanne Irish, Pat Lariviere

COA Staff Present: Dorothy Burritt, Monica Keefe-Hess

Approval of minutes from the February 23, 2023, meeting was postponed to April meeting pending revisions.

Directors Report:

- Dorothy reported an increase in units of service and number of individuals served year over year for the month of February.
- Dorothy met with Jae Fisher of Nauset Neighbors to discuss the possibility of a partnership to help with volunteer medical rides and transportation for Eastham Seniors.
- The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th. VR's will cater the luncheon.
- Dorothy is in talks with Natalia Bonfini regarding coordinating an Arts & Music Series from June through September. The series would be free to Eastham residents and feature artists, authors and musicians.

Chairperson's Report:

- Joan and Dorothy are scheduled to attend the April 3rd Board of Selectmen meeting where UMASS Boston will present a PowerPoint summary of the Community Needs Assessment and recommendations.
- Joan indicated that the next steps in the strategic planning for the Senior Center is to set priorities and identify what we can do to implement recommendations from the needs assessment and what other town departments can do to help meet those needs.

Committee Reports:

▪ **Elder Services update**

- Carol DiBona noted that the Elder Services newsletter provides much useful information. Their money management program matches volunteers with seniors to help balance checkbooks. There is also a new produce program delivering free boxes of produce to seniors.

▪ **Volunteers:**

- Linda Reed reported that there are 12 new people interested in volunteering. A meeting will be held at the Senior Center tomorrow for volunteers where Dorothy will present different volunteer opportunities.

▪ **FECO Updates:**

- Pat Lariviere read a letter addressed to the board of directions from herself and Joanne Irish in response to Paula Bruns' letter of 2023. The letter is attached.
- Pat reported that the Thrift Shop is back up and running. Donations are coming into the shop.

- The next FECOA board meeting will be held at the COA on Wednesday, March 29th at 9:30.

Richard Trimble motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 am. Beverly Hobbs seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next board meeting will be in the Earle Mountain Room at Town Hall on Thursday, April 27th at 9:30 am.

Respectfully,

Monica Keefe-Hess