



Arlington Council on Aging

Agenda

Date: Thursday March 21, 2024 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. Attendees can attend in person at the Arlington Community Center Arts & Crafts Room or virtually via zoom. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. Please call 781-316-3401 or e-mail KShah@town.arlington.ma.us for the link to join the meeting which can be accessed by computer with internet access or by telephone for audio access only.

Kristine Shah, Executive Director

Michael Quinn, Chair

The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of the February 2024 meeting for approval
3. Citizen's Open Forum
4. Report: Executive Director
5. Report: Chair
6. Report: Minuteman Senior Services
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Other Community Announcements
10. Adjourn - **Next meeting: April 18, 2024**

Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah

- I. Programs/Activities Update:
 - a. St. Patrick's Day Concert & Breakfast – 70 attendees, new time and day of week
 - b. AARP tax appointments running smoothly and accommodating more appointments than previous years. All appointment slots full with waiting list in Arlington and neighboring towns
 - c. Starting in April: Bereavement Group with BIDMC, Living Well with Hearing Loss, "Rediscovering the T" presentation, Scam Info Session with APD and Watertown Savings Bank, Bilingual Story: Celebrating Earth Month

- II. Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Committee Meeting
 - a. Committee met on March 7 and decisions were made. \$12,533 distributed to 13 applicants, 2 applicants assisted through other sources (20 total applications received).

- III. Grants
 - a. Second half of EOEA Formula Grant received this month (\$77,245, \$154,490 total, based on \$14 per Arlington resident age 60+ in census.)

- IV. Board Member Engagement Opportunities
 - a. New Board Member Recruitment- 1 new board member moving forward in process, 3 additional applications received thus far.
 - b. April 6, 10am-2pm, Health & Wellness Expo
 - c. Support in State budget process for increase of \$15 per resident age 60+ for EOEA Formula Grant in FY25

Mark Your Calendars! Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Thursday April 25 @ 10am