



Arlington Council on Aging

Minutes

Date: Thursday September 19, 2024 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format.

Present: Jim Munsey, Marge Vanderhill, Elaine McNulty, Margaret Iwobi, Nancy Feeney (remote), Sherry Graham. Community members: Ron Judkins, Lee Orlandi Select Board Member: Steve Decourcey Staff: Kristine Shah

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. Marge Vanderhill agreed to chair meeting; Call to Order 6:02 pm
2. New Board Members welcomed: Jim Munsey, Elaine McNulty, Marie Rapoza, Margaret Iwobi
3. Minutes of the May 2024 meeting – moved by Marge Vanderhill, unanimously approved
4. Citizen's Open Forum – Lee Orlandi stated that he was present to support Elaine and Marie for their first meeting as board members. Ron Judkins introduced himself as the new COA Volunteer Financial Advisor.
5. Report: Executive Director (complete report provided below)
6. Report: Minuteman Senior Services- Marge Vanderhill provided update
7. Old Business- none
8. New Business – Jim Munsey raised concern and distributed photos about the "senior center" directional sign on the corner of Mass Ave and Academy Street.
9. Other Community Announcements- Ron Judkins shared information about SNAP Food Programs offered at Arlington Farmers Market
10. Adjourn - **Next meeting: October 17, 2024**- Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

Executive Director's Report: Kristine Shah

- I. New Board Member Update:
 - a. Welcome new board members, Board Orientation will be held following October Board meeting for any interested board members

- II. Summer programs & services highlights
 - a. Lahey/BIDMC Farm Share
 - b. Farmers Market Coupons with MMSS
 - c. Summer Jazz Concerts
 - d. Technology Help
 - e. Ron Judkins, Volunteer Financial Advisor
 - f. MA Securities Division Fraud Event
 - g. Pet Food Pantry

- III. Upcoming Programs & Services:
 - a. National Senior Center Month Luncheon 9/26, 90+ registrants to date
 - b. Intergenerational Focus, Tech Help, Book Club, Tea Talk
 - c. Sage Table 11/14
 - d. New Volunteer Community Service Group
 - e. Additional Fitness Classes

- IV. Transportation
 - a. New ELECTRIC van coming this spring; thanks to MassDOT Grant
 - b. Van is extremely popular, over 100 rides daily on many days each week
 - c. Taxi/Cab Update

- V. Grants
 - a. Formula Grant for FY25, increase to \$15 per age 60+ resident
 - b. CDBG Grants for FY24

- VI. Other
 - a. Open Office Assistant Position
 - b. Open Board Member Position
 - c. Town Day- September 21, 2024, 10:30am-4pm, thank you to those who have signed up to help!